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EBRC annotated checklist of the birds of the United Arab Emirates

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As of 1 July 2010 a total of 441 species has been recorded in the UAE, excluding species in categories D and E. The English and scientific names and species sequence in the checklist follow closely those recommended by the Ornithological Society of the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia (OSME), whose OSME Region List of bird taxa is at www.osme.org. This checklist was prepared from the UAE national records database that is maintained by the Emirates Bird Records Committee, EBRC, assisted by all current members of the EBRC: Simon Aspinall, Oscar Campbell, Peter Hellyer, Steve James, Nick Moran, Tommy Pedersen and Andrew Twyman. The contribution made by past EBRC members, namely John Bannon, Paul Bourdin, Dave Diskin, Erik Hirschfeld and Colin Richardson, and especially that of Colin, as the previous UAE Bird Recorder, is also gratefully acknowledged. Mike Blair and Peter Hellyer read a draft and made useful suggestions and comments.

A website for birders in the UAE may be found at www.uaebirding.com which also contains 'Rare Bird Report' forms for submission of sightings of so-called vagrants and will have a regularly updated online version of this checklist. Species currently needing a description are listed in Appendix 1 below.

Anyone noticing errors or omissions in this checklist is kindly requested to inform the Emirates Bird Recorder, Tommy Pedersen, at: 777sandman@gmail.com.

SITE NAMES

A gazetteer of site names together with GPS coordinates is provided in Appendix 2 (also available to download from www.uaebirding.com). Certain sites may have changed name over the years, in which case both names are cross-referenced there, while in some instances a named site may now no longer exist.

DEFINITIONS

Species abundance is classified according to the likelihood of seeing that species on any given visit to suitable habitat during the appropriate season.

Vagrant—species recorded on fewer than 25 occasions and less than annual in occurrence.

Rare—species with more than 20 recent records (averaging one a year or more, even if not annual).

Uncommon—recorded on less than 10% of visits.

Fairly common—recorded on 10–50% of visits.

Common—recorded on 51–90% of visits.

Very common—recorded on more than 90% of visits.

Category A—species occurring in an apparently wild state. Category A species are included in the UAE Checklist.

Category C—species probably introduced by man that have established breeding populations and are now deemed self-sustaining (and have already existed 10–15 years or more).

Category C species are included in the UAE Checklist.

Category D—species that would otherwise appear in Category A, except that there is reasonable doubt that they have occurred naturally. Category D species are not included in the UAE list.

Category E—species that have been recorded as introductions or escapees from captivity, with breeding populations, if any, that are thought not to be self sustaining. Category E species are not included in the UAE list. Only selected Category E species are listed below. A full list is at www.uaebirding.com.

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Kurdistan Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthoprymna*, 1st UAE record. © *Ian Boustead*

UAE CHECKLIST

The official Emirates Bird Records Committee checklist.

Chukar *Alectoris chukar*

Uncommon resident in Ra's al-Khaimah mountains north of Dibba and Masafi area. Feral releases elsewhere.

Sand Partridge *Ammoperdix heyi intermedius*

Fairly common and widespread mountain resident.

Grey Francolin *Francolinus pondicerianus* (Category C)

Very common and widely released; doubtfully native (archaeological evidence for presence since Fifth Century AD).

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Common passage migrant; few in winter and summer. May breed.

Eastern Greylag Goose *Anser anser rubrirostris*

Uncommon and irregular winter visitor, November–March, rarely to April; injured birds have oversummered.

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons albifrons*

Uncommon to rare winter visitor; extreme dates 3 November and 4 April.

Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*

Vagrant.

1. One immature Umm al-Qaiwain Rubbish Tip 20 Nov 1996 (M Tunturi), then same bird Ramtha Rubbish Tip 5 Dec 1996–14 Mar 1997 (SL James, C Richardson *et al*).
2. Two adults (one dead), Nad al-Sheba 28 Dec 2005–4 Mar 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).
3. One immature Zakher Pools 25 Nov–8 Dec 2007 (D Clark *et al*).

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

Vagrant.

1. One adult, two immatures Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon (sewage farm) 13 Dec 1984 (M Crumbie *et al*).

Sand Partridge. © *Huw Roberts*

Grey Francolin. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Lesser White-fronted Goose, 2nd UAE record. © *Tommy Pedersen*

2. Six birds (two groups of three) flying near Bahrani Island 8 Dec 1993 (per N Cochrane-Dyet).
3. Two Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 15 Oct 2000 (C Band).
4. Three immatures Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 24 Dec 2002–08 Mar 2003, with two birds present 16 Mar 2003 (T Pedersen *et al*).

Releases documented:

- Pair nesting Sir Bani Yas 10 Apr 1989 (M Verhage) with four birds present 28 Jul–2 Sep 1989.
- A flock of up to 19 birds Abu Dhabi; Al Reem Island and Eastern Lagoon 18 May 2008–15 May 2009 onwards (R Hornby *et al*).
- One Dubai; International Media Production Zone 4–12 Mar 2010 (M Smiles *et al*) and two Jumeirah Golf Estate 3 Jun 2010 (G Talbot).

Bewick's Swan *Cygnus* (*columbianus*) *bewickii*

Vagrant.

1. Two Nad al-Sheba GC 25 Jan–2 Feb 1994 (C Richardson *et al*). Four unidentified swans had been reported same locality from mid-December 1993.

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

Vagrant.

1. Five adults and one immature Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 1 Jan–16 Mar 2003, four birds 28 Mar 2003; single adult 31 Mar–15 Apr 2003 (P Bourdin, J Ward *et al*).

Releases documented:

- One Sir Bani Yas 31 Aug–2 Sep 1989.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* (Category C)

Feral population on Sir Bani Yas Island since 1980, now widespread throughout the country. First confirmed breeding (away from Sir Bani Yas): Abu Dhabi Island, 1989 (JNB Brown).

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

Localised winter visitor, usually in small numbers (but recent increase noted), October–mid April with peak January–early March. Peak count 150, Al Wathba Lake 27–28 Dec 2008. Summer records assumed to refer to escaped birds.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

Rare to uncommon visitor, October–mid May, has summered. The potential for escaped birds should be noted as this species is frequent in private collections.

Cotton Pygmy Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus*

Vagrant.

1. One female/immature Safa Park 7–9 Nov 1984 (JS Ash, NE Baker *et al*).
2. Three Hatta Lake 1 Feb 1985 (JAD Chapman).
3. One female/immature Emirates Golf Club 26 Nov 1993 (C Richardson).
4. One female/immature Emirates Golf Club 24–25 Nov 1994 (C Richardson).
5. One Al Wathba Lake 14 Nov 1996 (SL James, A Abdi).
6. One female/immature Khatt Lake 30 Nov–5 Dec 1996 (P Brett, SL James *et al*).
7. One female/immature Sharjah Rubbish Tip 28 Dec 2000, again 1 Feb 2001 (C Richardson, DA Diskin *et al*).

8. One immature Qurrayah 22–30 Nov 2001 (DA Diskin *et al*).
9. Six birds Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 22 Nov 2003, with one remaining on 28 Nov 2003 (DA Diskin *et al*).

Gadwall *Anas strepera strepera*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, but seldom numerous.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*
Common to uncommon migrant and winter visitor; has oversummered.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*
Common migrant and winter visitor. Introduced birds breeding since at least the 1980s.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
Locally common to very common migrant and winter visitor; occasional in summer.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
Common migrant and winter visitor; has oversummered.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*
Fairly common to common migrant, rare in summer; small numbers winter.

Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca crecca*
Common to very common migrant and winter visitor.

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*
Vagrant.
1. Flock of 25 Abu Dhabi Island 1 Mar 1972 (J Stewart-Smith).
2. Two Rams Rubbish Tip, Ra's al-Khaimah, October 1975, exact date not known (S Dexter).
3. Two Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 20 Dec 2000–11 Jan 2001 (C Richardson *et al)*, with one until 28 Jan 2001; probably same Sharjah Rubbish Tip 9 Feb 2001 (DA Diskin).
4. One Khor al-Beida 1 Feb 2008 (P Cram, NJ Moran, B Elder *et al*).

Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*
Vagrant.
1. One Dhayah 24 Dec 1970 (FE Warr).
2. One Abu Dhabi; Saadiyat Island 18 Dec 1981 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).

Red-crested Pochards, 8th UAE record. © *Tommy Pedersen*

3. One female Zabeel Ponds 3–6 Dec 1987 (C Richardson).
4. One male Ramtha Rubbish Tip 28 Dec 1989, later died of botulism (C Richardson, U Wernery).
5. Three Zabeel Ponds 5–30 Jan 1991 (C Richardson).
6. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 21 Nov 1995–21 Feb 1996 (P Jonasson, C Richardson *et al*).
7. One Khatt Lake 25 Nov–30 Dec 1996 (P Brett, B Curtis).
8. Four males and two females Dubai Pivot Fields and Al Warsan Lakes 20 Jan 2008 with two males and a female 2 Feb 2008 (N Lake, R Brown *et al*).
9. One female Al Wathba Lake 22 Jan 2008 joined by two males 24 Jan, one male staying to 26 Jan 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell *et al*).
10. One male Ain al-Fayda 1–8 Feb 2008 (D Clark).
11. One female Al Ain Water Treatment Plant 6–14 Mar 2008 (G Talbot *et al*).

Releases documented:

- Four birds Sir Bani Yas Island 31 Aug 1989, at least one (male) remaining to 1995.

Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*
Fairly common but localised migrant and winter visitor; has oversummered.

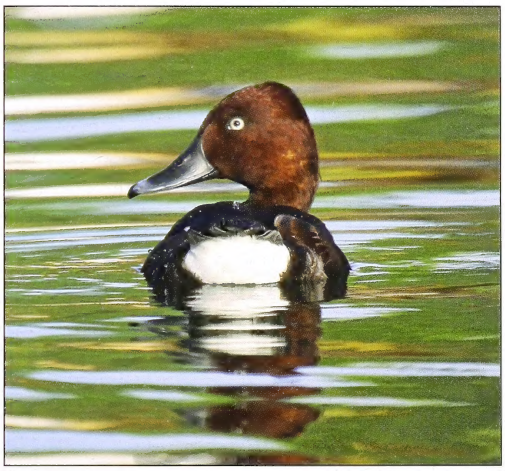
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*
Uncommon winter visitor; occasional summer records.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
Fairly common migrant and winter visitor; occasional summer records.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
Vagrant.

1. Two South Furayjidat Island 29 Oct 1972 (J Stewart-Smith).
2. Flock of up to 15 Al Jazirah Khor 25 Nov 1988 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson, C Richardson *et al*); four birds present 9 Dec 1988 (JNB Brown).
3. One Al Rafa'a 7 Dec 1997 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
4. Four Khor al-Beida and Dreamland 25 Feb 2000 (Alula) with one male present 3 Mar 2000 (SJ Aspinall).
5. Five Khor al-Beida 11 Nov 2006 (N Tovey).

Persian Shearwater *Puffinus persicus*
Fairly common to common off the East Coast all year; only rarely inside the Arabian Gulf.


Ferruginous Duck. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Persian Shearwaters. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

Former vagrant, now almost annual in spring off East Coast, with one October record; single record from the Arabian Gulf.

1. One feeding off Khor Kalba Beach 30 Apr 1995 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
2. One off Ra's Dibba 1 May 1995 (WIWO/TM van der Have).
3. One off Fujairah Hilton Hotel 11 May 1995 (SL James), perhaps same as first record.
4. Three: one off Fujairah Port Beach, one off Fujairah Corniche and one off Kalba Corniche, 15 May 97 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Umm Shaif Oilfield (platform) 16 Apr 2001 is the sole record from the Arabian Gulf (SJ Aspinall).
6. Two off Ra's Dibba 5 Oct 2002 (DA Diskin).
7. One off Fujairah Corniche 4 Mar 2003 (DA Diskin).
8. Six off Al Ghurfa Breakwater 22 Apr 2006 (I Boustead), with singles 3 (NJ Moran) and 11 May (T Pedersen *et al*) 2006.
9. One off Fujairah Port Beach 8 Apr 2007 (SJ Aspinall, OL Wardman), with two off Fujairah Hilton Hotel 16 and 27 Apr (SL James, I Boustead, AP Twyman, A Wasse), up to thirteen same locality 29 Apr (SL James), followed by singles 4–29 May, with two there 11 May (N Tovey, SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*) 2007.
10. One off Ra's Dibba 29 Apr and 25 May 2007 (SL James *et al*).
11. One off Ra's Dibba 18 Apr 2008 (G Talbot).
12. Four Kalba Corniche 2 May 2008 (G Talbot), with one there 12 May (K Bensusan); one off Bidiya and six off Fujairah Hilton Hotel 19 May (SL James, AP Twyman), then two 25 May and a singleton 28 May (NJ Moran, SL James) 2008.
13. One Fujairah Port Beach 17 Apr–15 May 2010 (N Tovey, M Smiles *et al*), with two same locality 22 May (AP Twyman) and one Khor Kalba 29 May (G Talbot) 2010.

Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*

Vagrant.

1. One Fujairah Hilton Hotel 8 Oct 2004 (SL James).
2. One off Khor Kalba 11–12 Jun 2010 (OJ Campbell, J Rogan, M Smiles, G Temple, D Wilby *et al*).

Flesh-footed Shearwater, 2nd UAE record. © *Oscar Campbell*

Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*

Vagrant.

1. One Al Ghurfa Breakwater 18 Oct 2004 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).

Leach's Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa leucorhoa*

Vagrant.

1. A bird found dying at the old Sharjah airfield, seemingly aeroplane assisted, 8 Jun 1969 (RG Griffiths, JM Lapthorne); preserved in BM Natural History, Tring, UK.

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

Rare to uncommon visitor off the East Coast, end May–August; only sporadically inside the Arabian Gulf.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*
Common resident; locally common migrant and winter visitor.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus cristatus*
Vagrant.
1. One Dubai Creek 20 Dec 1949 (KM Guichard).
2. One Abu Dhabi Island 1981, exact date unknown (JNB Brown).
3. One Khor Fakkan 30 Dec 1983 (C Richardson).
4. One Abu Dhabi Island 13 Nov 1984 (JNB Brown, JM Hollingworth).
5. One Al Jazirah Khor 25 Nov 1988 (JAD Chapman).
6. One Ain al-Faydah 30 Nov 1993–11 Jan 1994 (R Read).
7. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 31 Jan–5 Mar 1994 (C Richardson *et al*).
8. One Abu Dhabi Corniche mid-January 1995 (J Norton).
9. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 28 Nov 1996 (SL James).
10. One Emirates Golf Club 20 Mar 1997 (C Richardson *et al*).
11. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 15 Jan–12 Feb 2000 (C Richardson *et al*).
12. One found dead Abu Dhabi; Third Crossing 4 Dec 2004 (C Clark).

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis*
Common migrant and winter visitor. Breeding confirmed Al Wathba Lake, 2000 (A Abdi).

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*
Common migrant and winter visitor. Ringing recoveries mainly from Iranian colonies, but also Mediterranean Turkey (Hyland pers comm). First confirmed successful breeding UAE at Al Wathba Lake January 1999; creche of 10 juveniles 10 February 1999. Has bred two other sites, including large colony discovered Bu Al Syayif Marine Protected Area, near Abu Dhabi, April 2009, with at least 290 chicks raised (per EAD).

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*
Vagrant.
1. One Ra's al-Khor 9–18 Nov 1999 and 9 Feb 2000 (MJ Koivula, C Richardson, SL James *et al*).
2. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 13 Mar–7 Dec 2003, probably same bird nearby Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 19 Jan 2004 (J Ward, DA Diskin *et al*).
3. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 3 Dec 2005 with two 30 Dec 2005–25 Jan 2006 (K Hyland, A Rowlands *et al*).
4. One bird Al Wathba Lake 22 Jun 2006 (A Kosztolanyi *et al*).
5. Two birds Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 13 Jul–4 Dec 2006 (M Hamid *et al*).
6. One Al Wathba Lake 30 Dec 2006 (SJ Aspinall).

The potential for escaped birds should be noted as this species is sometimes held in private collections. Releases documented:
- One Emirates Golf Club 8 Mar 1999 (P Leigh), with two 28 May 1999 to year-end (JAD Chapman, C Richardson *et al*).
- Ten ringed birds Zabeel Palace 11 Jul 1999 onwards (C Richardson).

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus indicus*
Winter breeder on offshore Arabian Gulf islands; rare visitor off East Coast.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

Vagrant.

1. One Abu Dhabi Island 22 Mar 1973 (J Stewart-Smith, JD Wellings).
2. One Al Ain 28 Mar–2 Apr 1979 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
3. One Ain al-Fayda 24 Mar 1981 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
4. One Ain al-Fayda 30 Nov 1994 (N Simpson).
5. One Dhayah area 21 Nov 1998 (A Kirschel), again nearby 26 Nov 1998 (SJ Aspinall).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 25 Oct 2004 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).

The potential for escaped birds should be noted as this species is sometimes held in private collections.

- One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 26 Jun 2010 (T Admiraal), presumed escape from nearby Al Wasl collection.

Western White Stork *Ciconia* (*ciconia*) *ciconia*

Fairly common but irregular autumn migrant; uncommon winter and spring.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, regularly oversummers.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia leucorodia*

Fairly common to common migrant and winter visitor, flocks regularly oversummer.

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris stellaris*

Vagrant.

1. One sick bird Bu Hasa September 1971 (DJG Williams).
2. One Abu Dhabi Island 7 Oct 1978 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
3. One Abu Dhabi Island 13 Sep 1979 (*ENHG Bulletin* 9: 32)
4. One Al Sha'am 19 Nov 1979 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
5. Two Khor Kalba 7 Jan 1981 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
6. Three Safa Park 12 Sep 1982 (C Richardson).
7. Two Safa Park 5 Nov 1983 (JAD Chapman).
8. One Safa Park 4 Oct 1985 (M West, C Richardson).
9. Three Safa Park 16 Oct 1987 (C Richardson, M West, S Turner)
10. Two Safa Park 21 Oct 1988 (J Footitt, E List).
11. One Zabeel Ponds 23 Feb 1990 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson).
12. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 4–8 Nov 1993 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, E Hirschfeld *et al*).
13. One Emirates Golf Club 14 Sep 1994 (A Owen, M Fryer).
14. One Khor al-Beida 4 Dec 1994, attacked by falcon, brought to Dubai Zoo (R Khan).
15. One Zabeel Ponds 29 Nov–30 Dec 1999 (T Loseby, C Richardson).
16. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 7 Nov 2002 (KA Hansen, P Bourdin).
17. One Umm al-Qaiwain Breakwater 27 Jan 2003 (A Jordi, Liberty Bird).
18. One Wamm Farms 18 Nov 2004 (T Pedersen, OB Hansen).
19. One Sharjah Tip 22 Dec 2006 (N Tovey, OB Hansen, T Pedersen)
20. One Safa Park 13 Oct 2008 (K Steiof *et al*).

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus minutus*

Uncommon to fairly common migrant, March–June and August–November; occasionally other months. Bred Ruwais 1995.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Vagrant.

1. An adult male Arzanah Island 20 Nov 2000 (SJ Aspinall).

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

Fairly common migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer; probably breeds annually.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Common resident; uncommon to rare inland.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Fairly common migrant March–November, occasional in winter.

Possibly bred Al Warsan 2008 (N Tovey).

Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*

Common winter visitor Khor Kalba August–May; uncommon to rare other sites, including inland.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Western Cattle Egret *B.* (*ibis*) *ibis*

Common migrant and winter visitor, increasing resident, with confirmed nesting Dubai, 2001 onwards.

Indian Pond Heron. © *Huw Roberts*

Striated Heron. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Eastern Cattle Egret *B. (ibis) coromandus*
One Wamm Farms, Dibba 8 Aug–11 Sep 2009 (SL James *et al*), again 26 Mar–17 Apr 2010 (A Twyman *et al*), having presumably wintered.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea cinerea*
Very common migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea purpurea*
Fairly common migrant, recorded all months.

Western Great Egret *Ardea alba alba*
Common migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer.
Eastern Great Egret *A. alba modestus* rarely reported, perhaps vagrant.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia intermedia*
Vagrant.
1. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 23 Dec 1994–13 Jan 1995 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
2. One Dubai Pivot Fields 25–28 Jun 2001 and 30 Jul 2001 (DA Diskin *et al*).
3. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 23 Oct–10 Nov 2007 (NJ Moran *et al*).

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta garzetta*
Common migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer.

Western Reef Heron *Egretta (gularis) schistacea*
Very common coastal resident; visitor inland.

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
Vagrant.
1. Three off Abu Dhabi; Saadiyat Island 30 Nov 1970 (J Stewart-Smith).
2. Five flying north off Khor Fakkan 8 May 1973 (MD Gallagher).
3. One dead Abu Dhabi Island 6 Apr 1980 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
4. Four Dubai; Jumeirah shoreline 10 Mar 1981 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
5. One Das Island 26 Dec 1994 (L Reaney).
6. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 6–10 Nov 1999 (D Hale, C Saunders *et al*).
7. One Abu Dhabi Island near the Grand Mosque 6 Oct 2003 (C Clark).

Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*
Vagrant.
1. One Bateen Village, Abu Dhabi, 16 Dec 1970 (J Stewart-Smith).
2. One immature caught offshore, Zakum Oilfield, 19 Jan 1980 (JNB Brown).

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula rubripes*
Vagrant.
1. One found live on a northbound ship off the East Coast 27 Aug 1979 (PWG Chilman); first UAE and Oman record.

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra melanops*
Vagrant.
1. One off Al Sha'am 2 May 1973 (DA Scott).

2. One reported off East Coast winter 1987/88 (WRP Bourne per FE Warr).
3. One juvenile off Abu Dhabi Island 19 May 1988 (JAD Chapman).
4. Six birds 12 nautical miles off Khor Fakkan 1 Dec 1995 (C Richardson).
5. One sub-adult fishing offshore at Ra's Dibba 19 Dec 2003 (DA Diskin, M Chalmers).
6. Two (adult and sub-adult) Al Ghurfa Breakwater 28 Feb 2006 (T Pedersen, P Hellyer *et al*).

Masked Booby, 10th UAE record. © *Tommy Pedersen*

7. One subadult Al Ghurfa Breakwater 3–11 May 2006 (NJ Moran, SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman *et al*).
8. One off Fujairah Hilton 29 Apr 2007 (SL James).
9. One adult Kalba 16 and 22 Nov 2007 (K Reenes, R Huisman); probably same Ra's Dibba 30 Nov (D Wilby); Fujairah Hilton Hotel 1 Dec 2007 (NJ Moran *et al*).
10. One adult off Khor Kalba Harbour 19 Jun–16 Sep 2009, joined by another adult 26 Aug (NJ Moran, G Talbot, AP Twyman *et al*).
11. One adult off Ra's Dibba 11 Sep 2009 (N Tovey), perhaps one of the above, Kalba, birds.
12. Two off Khor Kalba Harbour 29 May–3 Jun 2010 with one there 11 Jun (G Talbot *et al*).

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster plotus*

Vagrant.

1. One adult on oil platform northeast of Fateh Oilfield 26 Oct 1986 (M Harvey).
2. One off Al Sha'am 16 Jan 1987 (JAD Chapman).
3. One sub-adult off Fujairah 12 Apr 1997 (JM Allen, M Dryden).
4. One immature Ra's Dibba 9 Feb 1998 (SL James, M Stansfield).
5. One Kalba 18 Apr 2000 (C Richardson/Naturetrek).
6. One Fujairah 26 Apr 2001 (P Hellyer).
7. One Dubai; Jumeirah shoreline 27 Apr 2001 (P Bourdin).
8. One adult Fujairah Port Beach 12 Apr 2002 (DA Diskin).
9. One Ra's Dibba 31 Oct 2003 (C Richardson).
10. One Dibba harbour 2 Jan 2004 (DA Diskin).
11. One adult Fujairah Port Beach 19 Jan and 7 Mar 2005; presumed same Al Ghurfa Breakwater 9 Feb 2005 (P Bourdin, SL James, T Pedersen *et al*).
12. One adult Ra's Dibba islet 6 May 2005 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
13. One immature Ra's Dibba 3 Nov–5 Dec 2005 (N Tovey *et al*).
14. One immature Fujairah Port Beach 28 May–3 Jun 2010 (AP Twyman, G Talbot) with three immatures off Kalba Harbour 29 May 2010 (G Talbot *et al*).

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*

Common migrant and winter visitor, immatures oversummer.

Socotra Cormorants. © *Mike Barth*

Socotra Cormorant *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*
Common resident; breeds Arabian Gulf islands, September–April. Uncommon visitor East Coast.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*
Common resident, migrant and winter visitor; uncommon inland.

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
Uncommon to rare migrant, mainly early autumn; rare in spring. One recent winter record: one Dubai Pivot Fields 13 Jan 2006 (C Temple, S Hall).
Now sufficiently rare to require Rare Bird Report; confusion with Crested Honey Buzzard evident.

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis*
Uncommon, mainly late autumn migrant and winter visitor (until April–May); rarely in summer.
First UAE record Hamraniyah Fields 16 Dec 1992 (T Tuomenoja).

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
Vagrant.

1. One juvenile Dubai; Jumeirah 24 Feb 1984 (M West).
2. One adult Hamraniyah Fields 6 Nov–2 Dec 1992 (C Richardson, JK Bannon).

Crested Honey Buzzard. © *Ahmed Al Ali*

Black-winged Kite, 12th UAE record. © *Oscar Campbell*

3. One with broken wing Dubai; Jumeirah 6 Nov 1993 (per D Remple).
4. One Wamm Farms 15–16 Sep 1994 (E Hirschfeld, C Richardson *et al*).
5. One Jebel Ali Hotel 24 Feb 1997 (per D Sheldon).
6. One juvenile Wamm Farms 29 Dec 1997–5 Jan 1998 (M Ullman, B Arvidsson).
7. One Hamraniyah Fields 11–12 Mar 1998 (C Richardson *et al*).
8. One Ra's al-Khaimah Airport 18 Nov and 27 Dec 1998–13 Feb 1999 (P Brett, J Andersson *et al*).
9. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 10 Feb 1999 (M Rantala, K Eischer, SL James).
10. One Dhayah area 27 Feb 2000 (R Aye).
11. One Mushrif Palace Gardens and Abu Dhabi Island sites 11–31 Oct 2001; 23 Dec 2001 and 19 Jan 2002 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
12. One Sila'a Peninsula 7–10 Dec 2008 (D Wilby *et al*).
13. One Al Wathba Lake 28 Jan 2009 (NJ Moran).

Black-eared Kite *Milvus* (*migrans*) *lineatus*
Uncommon to rare migrant and winter visitor.

Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*
Vagrant.
1. One Dibba (Hisn) January 1972 (J Stewart-Smith).
2. One Ra's al-Khaimah 29 Oct 1972 (L & SJ Tyler), perhaps same bird returning.

Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus percnopterus*
Non-breeding resident, rarely observed away from Jebel Hafit, Al Ain; possibly also rare migrant.

Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus fulvus*
Vagrant.
1. One Dhaid plain 2 Jan 1988; presumed same Jebel Faiyah and also then Hatta, 2 Jan 1988 (P Antrobus).
2. One Jebel Hafit 28 Sep 1988 (JM Hollingworth).
3. One Lahbab Fields 2 Mar 1990 (C Richardson *et al*).
4. One Jebel Faiyah 28 Feb 1992 (JAD Chapman).
5. One Wadi Bih 5 Nov 1992 (D Rosair, JM Hollingworth).
6. One Masafi 29 Mar 1993 (SJ Aspinall, RA Dennis).
7. Two Wadi Ghayl 20 Aug 1993 (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall), two, possibly same, Dibba 29 Aug 1993 (SJ Aspinall, JK Bannon, C Richardson).
8. Two Madam Plain 2 Oct 1993 (SJ Aspinall).
9. One Wadi Tarabat 16 Nov 1995 (SL James).
10. One Jiri Plain 12 Nov 1997 (P Brett).
11. Two Jebel Hafit 2 Oct 2006 (E & M Nolan).

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos negevensis*
Rare, formerly bred.
Recent records:
Two adults 2 km northwest Qarn Nazwa 17 Jan 1999 (A Dally).
Two Wamm Farms 1 Jan 2003 (SJ Aspinall).

One Wamm Farms 31 Oct 2003 (C Richardson).

One Wadi Hilu road 9 Feb 2005 (SL James, P Gregory).

Two Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve 20 Oct 2005 (G Simkins).

Two Buraimi border post 14 Feb 2006 (F Wegmann).

One immature Wadi Tarabat 17 Mar 2006 and Jebel Hafit 6 Apr 2006 (NJ Moran *et al*).

Lappet-faced Vulture. © *Greg Simkins*

One near Hatta 21 Jul 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).

One Jebel Hafit 13 Dec 2006 (K Wasmer, T Brandt).

One Hatta Dam 23 Feb 2007 (SL James).

Two Huwaylat Road 9 Apr 2007 (SJ Aspinall, O Wardman).

One Jebel Hafit 5 Oct 2007 (D Wilby).

Two Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve 7 Nov 2007 onwards, increasing to twelve 15 Nov 2007 (G Simkins, R Ingram).

One Huwaylat Road 28 Mar 2008 (N Tovey).

One Hatta Dams 13 Mar 2009 (N Tovey).

One near Jebel Hafit 4 and 9 Apr 2009 (A Ward).

Up to four Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve 12 Sep–29 Nov 2009 (G Simkins, S Bell).

One Jebel Hafit 5 Mar 2010 (A & L Grosset).

Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*

Uncommon migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months. Has bred (Ras Al Khaimah).

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*

Very common migrant and winter visitor, recorded all months.

Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus cyaneus*

Rare migrant and winter visitor; one June record. Over 30 records to 2000 inclusive.

Records since 2000:

- One adult male Abu Dhabi Island 10 Jan 2002 (SL James).
- One immature male Abu Dhabi Camel Racetrack 22 Oct 2002 (SL James *et al*).
- One immature Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 4 Nov 2004 (SJ Aspinall, NJ Moran, C Clark).
- One adult female Umm al-Qaiwain–Emirates Road 12 Feb 2006 (K Bensusan, T Pedersen).

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*

Fairly common migrant and winter visitor; occasional in summer.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

Fairly common migrant and rare winter visitor; occasional in summer.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

Rare breeding resident, perhaps introduced. Present Dubai city suburbs from 1996; breeding population expanding.

Vagrant elsewhere.

1. Two Sila'a Peninsula 26 Dec 2009 with one 15 Jan–5 Mar 2010 (K Mild *et al*).

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Fairly common winter visitor late September–April, occasionally to May.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Vagrant.

1. One Abu al-Bukhoosh Oilfield 15 Oct 1976 (DM Simpson).
2. One Hamraniyah Fields 14 Nov 1997 (J Reynolds).
3. One Ra's al-Khaimah Airport 10 Dec 1997 (P Brett).
4. One Mushrif National Park 26 Dec 2003 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
5. One Jebel Ali Hotel 6 Dec 2004 (SJ Aspinall, NJ Dymond).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack area 9 Dec 2006 (SL James, N Tovey *et al*).

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Uncommon to rare autumn migrant, rarely in winter.

(Some confusion with migrant and wintering Long-legged Buzzards apparent).

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

B. r. rufinus

Uncommon winter visitor, October–March.

B. r. cirtensis

Rare breeding resident; presumed also dispersive visitor from elsewhere in Arabian peninsula.

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*

Vagrant or rare migrant and winter visitor.

1. One first-winter Zabeel Ponds 20–22 Feb 1990; probably same Ra's al-Khor 10 Mar 1990 (C Richardson).
2. One first-winter found shot Zabeel Ponds early December 1993 (C Gross).
3. One first-winter Hamraniyah Fields 27 Dec 1993 (C Richardson *et al*).
4. One first-winter Zabeel Ponds 19 Jan 1994; probably same Ra's al-Khor 23 Feb 1994 (C Richardson).
5. One first-winter Ra's al-Khor 7 Feb–11 Mar 1995 (C Richardson *et al*); probably same Ramtha Rubbish Tip 13 Mar 1995 (A Halley, HH Müller).
6. One fourth-summer Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 10 Apr 1995 (SL James).
7. One first-winter Al Ain Camel Racetrack 17 Nov 1995 (SL James).
8. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 19 Nov 1995 (C Richardson); probably same Ra's al-Khor 21 Nov–15 Dec 1995 (P Jonasson *et al*).
9. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 25 Oct 1996–5 Jan 1997 (C Richardson *et al*).
10. One Ra's al-Khaimah Airport 26 Dec 1996 (P Brett).
11. One first-winter Al Wathba Lake 3 Apr 1998 (SL James).
12. One first-winter Ra's al-Khor 16 Feb 1999 (M Rantala).

13. One adult Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 16 Mar 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
14. One first-winter Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 26 Oct–24 Nov 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
15. One adult Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 20 Feb 2001 (SL James).
16. One second-summer Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 15 Mar 2001 (SL James).
17. One Wimpey Pits 9 Mar 2003 (C Johnsson *et al*).
18. One adult Shahama 17 Nov 2006 (T Pedersen, KA Hansen).
19. One first winter Ras al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 17–25 Nov 2006 (SL James *et al*).
20. One adult Ras al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 24–28 Nov 2006 (T Pedersen, AP Twyman *et al*).
21. One first winter Al Wathba Lake 20 Jan 2007 (SL James, N Tovey *et al*).
22. One Sharjah University City 22 Apr 2007 (AP Twyman).

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*
Common migrant and winter visitor, late September–late April.
The pale form *fulvescens* rarely recorded.

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis orientalis*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, September–late April, occasionally other months.

Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*
Rare to uncommon migrant and winter visitor, late October–April.

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
Rare resident (subspecies *homeyeri*); visiting vagrant.
1. One Jebel Hafit 23 Nov 1990 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson).
2. One immature south of Tarif 11 Feb 1992 (J Norton, NARC).
3. One sub-adult Baynunah 13 Nov 1993 (SJ Aspinall).
4. One sub-adult Baynunah 26 Nov 1993 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Hili Oasis 11 Nov 1994 (C Pohl).
6. One second-winter Dhayah 5 Dec 1996 (SL James).
7. One immature Sir Bani Yas Island 4 Jan 1997 (H & J Eriksen).
8. Two Madinat Zayed desert 2 Feb 1997 (SJ Aspinall).
9. One Rams area 4–9 Jan 1997 (B Curtis, P Brett), presumed same Rams 26 Mar 1997 (I Phillips, Limosa).
10. Pair on nest Liwa Oasis East 8 Jan 1999 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer *et al*).
11. Pair Liwa Oasis South 11 Oct 1999 (SJ Aspinall); see next record, presumed same.
12. Adult at nest with chick Liwa Oasis South 26 Feb 2000 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer, W Thesiger, AM Al-Kindi *et al*).
13. One Liwa Oasis South, seen from helicopter, 18 Oct 2000 (P Hellyer).
14. One Bab Oilfield 2 Jan 2002 (SJ Aspinall).
15. Two Masafi Wadi 12 Mar 2003 (C Johnsson *et al*).
16. One immature Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve 24 Jan 2004 (G Simkins).
17. One Wadi al-Reum 19 Feb 2004 (SL James, R Quested).
18. One Umm az Zumul 4 Jan 2006 (R Cuttler, H Kallweit).
19. One adult Madinat Zayed desert 12 Sep 2008 (M Almazrouei).

20. One sub-adult Sila'a Peninsula 9 Dec 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell); again 6 Mar 2009 (D Wilby).
21. One adult Qusaihwira desert 20 Jan 2010 (H El Alqamy).
22. Pair Liwa Oasis South 22 Jan 2010 (M Almazrouei, SJ Aspinall, T & M Pedersen, SP Lloyd).
23. One immature Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve 22–29 Jun 2010 (G Simkins).

Booted Eagle *Aquila pennata*
Uncommon to rare migrant and winter visitor, September–April, rarely other months.

Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciatus fasciatus*
Rare resident; fairly common winter visitor.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*
Locally common to fairly common spring migrant, uncommon in autumn, rare in winter.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
Fairly common resident, very common migrant and winter visitor.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*
Vagrant.
1. One juvenile Wamm Farms 29 Sep–16 Oct 2006 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell, SL James *et al*).
2. One second-year female Wamm Farms 14–20 Oct 2006 (OJ Campbell, SL James *et al*).

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*
Vagrant.
1. One immature male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 9–24 Jul 1995 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
2. One adult male Asab Oilfield 19 Nov 2001 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer).
3. One adult female Shahama 26 Apr 2002 (SL James).

Amur Falcon, 7th UAE record. © *Knut Hansen*

Bonelli's Eagle. © *Tommy Pedersen*

4. One immature female Wamm Farms 14 Nov 2002 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
5. One immature male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 29 Jul–13 Aug 2004 (SJ Aspinall, C Clark *et al*).
6. One immature female Wamm Farms 29 Sep–3 Nov 2006 (SL James, NJ Moran, OJ Campbell *et al*).
7. One female Masafi–Dibba Road 16 Nov 2006 (T Pedersen, KA Hansen).
8. One immature female Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area 6 Dec 2006 (SJ Aspinall, M Verhage *et al*).
9. One female Wamm Farms 30 Nov 2007 (SL James *et al*).
10. One female Ghantoot 17 Dec 2009 and 9 Jan 2010 (OB Hansen, T Pedersen, M Smiles).
11. One immature Al Qua'a Fodder Field 29 Dec 2009 (K Mild).

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*
Vagrant.
1. One Safa Park 22 Apr 2004 (O Samwald) with Hobby *F. subbuteo* flock.

Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor*
Highly endangered declining breeding visitor (5 nesting pairs in 2008, per EAD) to offshore Arabian Gulf islands. Rare migrant onshore.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*
Rare migrant and winter visitor (almost annual in recent winters).

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo subbuteo*
Uncommon spring and common to fairly common autumn migrant.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*
Previously rare migrant, now vagrant. Many records presumed to relate to escaped birds.

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*
Previously rare migrant and winter visitor, now considered vagrant (but see below).
Many records clearly relate to escaped birds or to captive-bred hybrid Saker x Gyr *F.rusticolus*, and it is now not ordinarily possible to determine whether any bird may be of genuinely wild origin, even if apparently both a pure Saker and lacking jesses.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor. Many records presumed to relate to escaped birds.

Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides*
Rare (declining) breeding resident; perhaps also rare migrant.

Macqueen's Bustard *Chlamydotis macqueenii*
Rare to uncommon winter visitor and passage migrant, October–March. Recently

Peregrine Falcon. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Macqueen's Bustard. © *Dave Clark*

Corncrake. © *Clive Temple*

reintroduced Abu Dhabi Emirate, where has since bred successfully.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Rare to very uncommon migrant and winter visitor, August–May. Bred Ruwais, 1995.

Corncrake *Crex crex*

Rare migrant, April–May and September–November.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Former vagrant, now considered rare winter visitor.

1. One Ramtha Tip 12 Nov 1992 for about ten weeks (C Richardson *et al*).
2. One Jebel Dhanna oil terminal 26–28 Nov 1994 (A Rollo).
3. One Jebel Ali Hotel 20 Jan 1995 (SL James, R Quested, J Norton).
4. One Jebel Ali Hotel 8 Dec 1995 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Emirates Golf Club 1 Jan 1996 (SJ Aspinall).
6. One Emirates Golf Club 7 Dec 1997 (C Richardson).
7. One Safa Park 24 Dec 1997 (C Richardson).
8. One Emirates Golf Club 14 Feb–18 Mar 1998 (C Richardson *et al*).
9. One Emirates Golf Club 21–22 Nov 1998 (A Brown *et al*).
10. One Dubai Creek Park 13 Feb 1999 (M Barker).
11. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack, long dead 16 Apr 1999 (SJ Aspinall).
12. One Emirates Golf Club 17 Nov–1 Dec 1999 (C Richardson *et al*).
13. One Emirates Golf Club 7 Feb–11 May 2001 (C Richardson *et al*).

14. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 15 Dec 2001–10 Jan 2002 (DA Diskin *et al*).
15. One Safa Park 24 Nov 2002–4 Jan 2003 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
16. One Emirates Golf Club 9 Mar–21 Apr 2003 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
17. One The Montgomerie; Emirates Hills Golf Course 16–27 Nov 2003 (C Richardson).
18. One Dubai; Jumeirah Beach Park 18 Dec 2003 (D Sheldon).
19. Two Emirates Golf Course 23 Feb 2005 (V Bunes, G Gundersen).
20. One adult Sharjah Desert Park 2 Nov 2005 to at least 25 Feb 2006 (P Vercammen).
21. One Dubai Pivot Fields 16–23 Dec 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran, R Quested *et al*).
22. One Qurrayah 13 Jan 2006 (P Hellyer).
23. One adult Wamm Farms 18 Feb–14 Apr 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).
24. One Emirates Golf Club 22 Jan 2008 (R Probst and Y Muraoka).
25. One Dubai Pivot Fields 2 Dec 2008 (A Jones).
26. One Dubai Pivot Fields 9–16 Apr 2009 (AP Twyman *et al*).

Little Crake *Porzana parva*

Vagrant (perhaps rare visitor).

1. One immature Safa Park 2–11 Oct 1990 (C Richardson, M Pitt *et al*).
2. One female Emirates Golf Club 10–19 Mar 1992 (C Richardson).
3. One male Zabeel Ponds 19–21 Apr 1992 (RA Richardson, C Richardson).
4. One Emirates Golf Club 4–6 Sep 1993 (C Richardson).
5. One immature Al Wathba Prison Pools 9–17 Sep 1993 (SL James, E Hirschfeld).
6. One Emirates Golf Club 23–27 Sep 1993 (M McGill, C Richardson, E List).
7. One adult male Al Wathba Prison Pools 14 Oct 1993 (SL James).
8. One caught and released Al Ain Camel Racetrack 17 Oct 1993 (M McGill).
9. One Abu al-Abyadh Island 14 Apr 1994 (S Smith).
10. Three Emirates Golf Club 17 Sep 1994, with two birds remaining 20–22 Sep (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall, C Holt).
11. One Emirates Golf Club 29 Mar 1995 (SJ Aspinall, JK Bannon, C Richardson *et al*).
12. One to two Ruwais 3 Sep–25 Oct 1995 (SJ Aspinall, A Rollo).
13. One Ruwais 8 May 1996 (P Sharman).
14. One Emirates Golf Club 22 Nov 1996 (SJ Aspinall).
15. One Das Island 12–18 Oct 1997 (L Reaney, M Wood).
16. One immature Al Wathba Lake 14 Sep 2000 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman, P Hellyer *et al*).
17. One immature Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 12–14 Sep 2003 (AP Twyman, SL James *et al*).
18. One adult Wamm Farms 13 Mar 2005 (C Tiller).
19. One The Montgomerie; Emirates Hills Golf Course 13 Nov 2005 (C Richardson).
20. One Al Wathba Lake 14–23 Oct 2008 (NJ Moran, SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

Vagrant.

1. One Zabeel Ponds 24 Sep 1988 (C Richardson).
2. One Emirates Golf Club 9 Oct 1990 (C Richardson).
3. One immature Al Wathba Prison Pools 3–7 Nov 1993 (SL James, E Hirschfeld).
4. One Emirates Golf Club 17 Apr 1995 (T van der Have).

5. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 30 Apr 1997 (C Richardson).
6. One caught Sweihan 1 Oct 1998, released (ERWDA).
7. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 11 May 2001 (DA Diskin).
8. One Sharjah University City 10 Mar 2006 (M Bayman).
9. One immature Al Wathba Lake 26 Sep 2006 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
10. One Green Mubazzarah 10 Apr 2007 (OJ Campbell *et al*).
11. One immature Wamm Farms 8 Sep and 14 Sep 2007 (N Tovey, NJ Moran *et al*).
12. One Green Mubazzarah 15 Sep 2007 (D Clark, NJ Moran *et al*).

Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*

Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, September–May.

Bred successfully Al Ghazal Golf Club, March 2010 (T Evans, T Smith); first UAE breeding record.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Vagrant, but regular Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 2002 onwards, where has bred annually (with up to eight birds) since 2004.

1. One Jebel Ali Hotel 13 Oct 1984 (P Holmes).
2. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 24 Nov–6 Dec 1992 (S Rodebrand).
3. One Ruwais 2 Sep 1995–10 Jan 1996 (A Rollo, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
4. One Zabeel Ponds 23 Oct–16 Dec 1995 (C Richardson, U Wernery).
5. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 10 Nov–27 Dec 1995 (SL James, C Richardson *et al*).
6. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 10 Sep 1996 (N Curtis).
7. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 30 Mar–14 May 2001 (C Richardson).
8. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 19 Apr 2002 onwards, see below (DA Diskin *et al*).

Releases: As many as 25 full-grown birds were released on the island of Abu al-Abyadh in 1997 (per SJ Aspinall). In 2004 at least twenty birds of the grey-headed *poliocephalus* group were noted inside and outside an aviary in Mushrif National Park; both grey-headed and green-backed African Swamphen *P. (p.) madagascariensis* being present here in 2009. An adult *madagascariensis* was seen with a chick at Al Warsan Lakes in both 2006 and 2009.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*

Localised breeding resident; common migrant and winter visitor.

Recent colonist, first confirmed breeding: Kalba and Sharjah, 1989.

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*

Vagrant.

1. One long-staying adult Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) from 14 Jun 2002, reported with certainty to 10 Jun 2004 (DA Diskin *et al*).

This bird bred with Eurasian Coot, with hybrids noted 7 Dec 2003, these then probably breeding with the original adult as well as with Eurasian Coot and each other into early 2005. Hybrids reported until November 2009 at least.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra atra*

Locally common migrant and winter visitor; has oversummered. Breeding confirmed Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 2002 onwards.

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo*

Supposed vagrant, but with high probability of escape from local collections, particularly in recent years.

1. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Airbase 5 Oct–14 Nov 1983 and again 27 Dec 1983 (M Crumbie).
2. One Ra's al-Khor 19 Aug 1993 (J Hart, U Wernery).
3. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 9 Nov 1996 (C Richardson).
4. One Zabeel area 30 Mar–1 Apr 1998 (C Richardson).
5. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 12 Nov 2000 (P Bourdin, DA Diskin).
6. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 22 Mar 2002 (K Gunther, M Schlorf).

Releases documented:

- One Abu Dhabi Island 25 Oct–14 Dec 1990.
- One Emirates Golf Club 13 Jun 1999.

Common Crane *Grus grus*

Vagrant.

1. One Khor Kalba 13 Sep 1977 (MA Hollingworth).
2. Three Jebel Hafit East Plain (Mezyad) 18–25 Feb 1980 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
3. One Qarnein Island 5 Oct 1984 (I Foxall).
4. One Al Ain Camel Racetrack 31 Dec 1993–1 Feb 1994 (M McGill *et al*).
5. One Wamm Farms 8 Feb 1994 (E Hirschfeld).
6. Three Al Ain Camel Racetrack 12 Oct 1996, with four (all juveniles) present 13 Oct–9 Mar 1997 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
7. Two Al Ain Camel Racetrack from 12 Dec 1997 into 1998, increasing to three 23 Feb–8 Mar 1998 (A Ward, C Richardson *et al*).

Releases documented:

- Two Abu al-Abyadh Island, July 1991–2000 at least (R Morris, SJ Aspinall, G Clarkson *et al*)

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, September–April, once July.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus longipes*

Locally common migrant and winter visitor, a few birds oversummer.

Crab-plover *Dromas ardeola*

Locally common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor. Breeds on two islands in Abu Dhabi Emirate.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Common migrant and breeding resident. Recent colonist, first confirmed breeding: Kalba, 1988.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, September–March, occasionally other months. Annual breeding attempts in the Al Wathba area since 1996, with up to eight pairs.

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*
Uncommon winter visitor, November–January, rarely February and September/October.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
Vagrant.

1. One Al Wathba Lake 12 Jan 2004–25 Feb 2004 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
2. Two Al Ain Water Treatment Plant 13–14 Feb 2010; one remaining to 6 Mar 2010 (SL James, SJ Aspinall, H Roberts *et al*).
3. One Al Quoz Stables (Godolphin) 28 Feb–7 June 2010 (K Hyland *et al*).

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus aigneri*
Very common breeding resident.

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*
Rare winter visitor, one June record.
All records listed:

Sociable Lapwing. © *Clive Temple*

1. One Safa Park 12–20 Nov 1984 (C Richardson).
2. One Safa Park 1–25 Feb 1986 (C Richardson, JAD Chapman).
3. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Airbase 18–31 Mar 1986 (M Crumbie).
4. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 10 Feb 1988 (J Oldfield).
5. One Das Island 20–23 Nov 1990 (M Wood).
6. One Das Island 3–4 Jun 1991 (M Wood, R Western).
7. Three Hamraniyah Fields 24 Jan–28 Feb 1992 (I & J Andrews, JK Bannon, C Richardson).
8. Up to four Hamraniyah Fields 6 Nov 1992–20 Jan 1993 (C Richardson *et al*).
9. One Wamm Farms 11 Nov 1994 (SJ Aspinall).
10. One Wamm Farms 30 Nov–1 Dec 1996 (H & J Eriksen).
11. One Sheraton Golf Club; Umm al-Nar 13–15 Jan 1997 (JM Hollingworth, SL James *et al*).
12. One Khor al-Beida 12 Feb 1998 (H & J Eriksen).
13. One Al Ain Camel Racetrack 4–19 Nov 1999 (A Pimbley, SJ Aspinall, P Cunningham, C Richardson).
14. One Wamm Farms 8 Jan–11 Feb 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
15. One Wamm Farms 9 Nov 2000 (C Richardson, Birdquest).
16. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 22 Nov 2000–3 Mar 2001 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
17. One The Montgomerie; Emirates Hills Golf Course 10 Nov 2001 (C Richardson).
18. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 29 Nov–21 Dec 2000 (AP Twyman *et al*).
19. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 5–10 Apr 2002 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
20. One Wamm Farms 12 Dec 2003–2 Jan 2004 (DA Diskin *et al*).
21. Two Dubai Pivot Fields 4 Jan–27 Mar 2005 (P Bourdin, OB Hansen *et al*).
22. One Hamraniyah Fields 14 Nov 2005 (C Richardson).
23. One Dubai Pivot Fields 17 Nov 2005–12 Feb 2006 (H & J Eriksen *et al*).
24. Two Lahbab Fields 3 Feb 2006 (T Pedersen).

25. Up to three Dubai Pivot Fields 25 Nov 2006–3 Mar 2007 (AP Twyman, N Tovey, C Temple, D Clark *et al*).
26. Four Lahbab Fields 12 Jan 2007 (E Adolfsen).
27. Up to two Dubai Pivot Fields 14 Nov 2007–11 Mar 2008 (AP Twyman *et al*).
28. Two Ghantoot 13 Dec 2007–20 Feb 2008 (D Wilby, A Jones *et al*).
29. One Digdagga Fields 26 Dec 2007 (SL James).
30. One Ghantoot 31 Oct 2008–13 Feb 2009 (OJ Campbell, NJ Moran *et al*).
31. One Wamm Farms 15–21 Nov 2008 (A Hogg *et al*).
32. One Al Wathba Lake 19 Dec 2008 (NJ Moran, SJ Aspinall, OJ Campbell).
33. Six Lahbab Fields 9 Jan 2009 (N Tovey, C Temple).
34. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Airbase 28 Jan 2009 (S Wilson).
35. Six Khor Kalba beach 19 Nov 2009 (H Mikkelsen).

White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, August–April. A recent colonist, now a local breeding resident.
First confirmed breeding: Ajman, 1996.

Eurasian Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria altifrons*
Former vagrant, now considered rare winter visitor, late September–April.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
Locally common migrant and winter visitor, late August–early May.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
Common to very common migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*
Very common migrant and winter visitor, peak passage mid August–October, some oversummer.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius curonicus*
Common breeding visitor and migrant, February–October, some overwinter.

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
Vagrant.
1. One Marawah Island 10 Sep 1994 (M Skakuj *et al*).
2. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 23–25 Sep 1995 (SL James, J Buxton *et al*).

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus*
Very common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor with peak in April and October; some oversummer.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor, less numerous than Lesser Sand Plover; a few oversummer.

Lesser Sand Plover. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*

Uncommon migrant, late August–early October; scarcer in spring, late February–April. Rare January, May and June.

Eurasian Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*

Vagrant.

1. Six Dubai; Jumeirah 19 Dec 1970 (W Wyper).
2. One Abu Dhabi Island 5 Jul 1979 (T Giles).
3. One Dibba 18 Feb 1981 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
4. One Qarnein Island 10 Jan 1983 (I Foxall).
5. One Das Island 10–17 Aug 1987 (L Reaney).
6. Two Emirates Golf Club 27 Sep 1987, increasing to three 1 Oct 1987 (C Richardson).
7. One Emirates Golf Club 11 Nov 1987 (C Richardson).
8. One Emirates Golf Club 7–12 Oct 1989 (C Richardson).
9. One Khor al-Khan 17 Nov 1989 (J Oldfield).
10. One Al Jazirah Khor 30 Nov 1989 (S Turner).
11. Flock of 14 Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 14–15 Feb 1991 (JAD Chapman, RA Richardson, JM Hollingworth).
12. One Emirates Golf Club 18 Jul 1991 (C Richardson).
13. Two Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 17 Dec 1992 (SL James).
14. Two Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 27 Dec 1992 (JM Hollingworth).
15. Two Baynunah area 17 Nov 1993 (SJ Aspinall).
16. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 2 Nov 1995 (SL James).
17. Four Hamraniyah Fields 16 Nov 1995 (C Richardson, M Beaman, Birdquest).
18. One Wamm Farms 2 Dec 2004 (SL James, NJ Moran, AP Twyman).
19. One Wamm Farms 28 Oct–25 Nov 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran *et al*).
20. One Wamm Farms 11 Oct 2006 (G de Priester).
21. One Ghantoot 11 Dec 2009–20 Jan 2010 (OJ Campbell *et al*), with two from 12 Dec 2009–13 Jan 2010 (M & M Hooper *et al*).

Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis benghalensis*
Vagrant.
1. One Wamm Farms 4–16 Nov 2007 (SL James *et al*).

Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*
Vagrant.
1. Two Dubai 20–22 Jan 1974 (P Carson).
2. Two Ra's al-Khaimah 18 Dec 1976 (W Weitkowitz).
3. One Al Wathba 4 Nov 1983 (M Crumbie).
4. One Safa Park 16 Nov 1988 (C Richardson).
5. One near Sweihan, hit by car, 1 Dec 1991 (per R Khan).
6. One Jebel Ali Village 5 Dec 1991 (JK Bannon, C Richardson).
7. One Emirates Golf Club 5 Dec 1991 (JK Bannon, C Richardson).
8. One Das Island 2 Oct 1992 (M Wood).
9. One Emirates Golf Club 13 Nov 1993 (C Richardson).
10. One Abu al-Abyadh Island 15 Nov 1993 (M McGill).
11. One Emirates Golf Club 20 Jan and 11–16 Feb 1999 (C Richardson, P Zetterberg).
12. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 26 Nov 2001 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
13. One Safa Park 4 Dec 2002 (DA Diskin).
14. One Mushrif Palace Garden 8 Feb 2004 (DA Diskin).
15. One Mushrif Palace Garden 13–14 Feb 2006 (AP Twyman *et al*).

Jack Snipe *Lymnocryptes minimus*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, late October–mid March, rare September and April.

Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, September–April, rare May, June and August.

Pin-tailed Snipe. © *Huw Roberts*

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*
Vagrant.
1. One Das Island 18 Oct 1987 (L Reaney).
2. One Safa Park 3–12 Oct 1990 (JK Bannon, C Richardson).
3. One Emirates Golf Club 18–25 Sep 1993, with up to three 7 Oct 1993 (SJ Aspinall, C Richardson).
4. One Al Wathba Lake 2 Feb 1995 (SL James).
5. One Dhayah 4 Mar 1995 (N Ullrich).
6. One Dhayah 12 Feb 1999 (M Rantala).
7. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack, 15 Oct 1999 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
8. One Wamm Farms 28 Oct and 5 Nov 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran, J Goedelt).
9. One Wamm Farms 22–23 Sep 2006 (AP Twyman, T Pedersen).
10. One Wamm Farms 16 Nov 2006 (T Pedersen, KA Hansen).
11. One Wamm Farms 22 Sep 2009 (SL James).

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago gallinago*
Very common migrant and winter visitor, late August–April; scarce in May.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa limosa*
Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor; a few oversummer.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica lapponica*
Common to very common passage migrant and winter visitor; a few oversummer.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Very common passage migrant with peak passage August–September, less common in winter; a few oversummer.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; a few oversummer.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months except June.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; some oversummer.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor; a few oversummer.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor, August–April; a few oversummer.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
Vagrant.
1. One Neima Pools 28 Nov 2007–25 Jan 2008 and nearby sites until 23 Apr 2008 (SL James, P & J Hayes *et al*).

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor; late June–April.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Common passage migrant and fairly common early winter visitor (usually scarce late winter); recorded all months.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*
Fairly common to common passage migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres interpres*
Common passage migrant, fairly common in winter; recorded all months.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor, August–April, rarely into May.

First recorded in 1986; now known to be regular at several sites. Largest flock to date 607 Marawah Island 17 Sep 1994 (SJ Aspinall).

Red Knot *Calidris canutus canutus*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 16 Jun 1978 (MA Hollingworth).
2. Three or four Marawah Island 9 Nov 1993 (with Great Knot), and one bird 20 Nov 1993 (SJ Aspinall).
3. One Marawah Island 23 Aug 1994 (J Lontkowski).
4. Two Al Jazirah Khor 13 Apr 1997 (A Dally).
5. One Khor al-Beida 14–23 Feb 1998, presumed same Dreamland 6 Mar 1998 (R Aumüller, D Kratzer *et al*).
6. One Khor al-Beida 16–27 Mar 2002 (K Gunther, M Schlorf, C Richardson).
7. One Khor al-Beida 7 Nov 2002 (C Johnsson *et al*).
8. One Khor al-Beida 8 and 24 Mar 2009 (NJ Moran *et al*).
9. One Khor al-Beida 2 Nov 2009 (M Roemhild).

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Very common passage migrant, marked peaks April–May and September, scarcer in winter; recorded all months.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

Vagrant.

1. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 26 Sep 1994 (I Lycett).
2. One adult Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 1–2 Jul 1995 (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
3. One Abu Dhabi Health and Fitness Club 6–9 Sep 2001 (SL James, P Hellyer, AP Twyman).
4. One adult Khor Kalba 3 Jun 2004 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
5. One Qurrayah shoreline 19 May 2008 (SL James, T Ford).

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Very common passage migrant and winter visitor, August–May; some oversummer.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

Common migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months except June.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

Former vagrant, now considered rare passage migrant.

1. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 14 Sep 1990 (M Pitt).
2. One Zabeel Ponds 28 Sep–2 Nov 1990 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson, C Richardson).
3. Three Al Wathba Lake 1 Oct 1990, with up to two until 5 Oct 1990 (JAD Chapman).
4. One Ruwais sewage works 12 Dec 1991 (JAD Chapman).
5. Two Al Wathba Prison Pools 22 Sep 1992 (SL James).
6. One Abu al-Abyadh Island 13–14 Sep 1993 (G Clarkson).
7. One Mafraq Water Treatment Plant 9 Nov 1993 (E Hirschfeld).
8. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 16 Sep 1994 (E Hirschfeld *et al*).

9. Six Al Ain Camel Racetrack 28 Sep 1994 (SJ Aspinall).
10. Three Mafraq Water Treatment Plant 24 Oct 1996 (SL James).
11. One Mafraq Water Treatment Plant 25 Apr 1997 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
12. One Dhayah 27 Sep 1997 (P Brett).
13. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 21–22 May 1998 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
14. One Hatta Lake 1 Nov 1998 at least (SJ Aspinall).
15. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 19 Oct 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
16. One Emirates Golf Club 1 Nov 2000 (P Willoughby, A Stoddart).
17. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 28 Jun 2001 and again 30 Jul 2001 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
18. One Khor Kalba, 24 Nov 2005 (B Casslen).
19. One adult Al Wathba Lake 26 Sep 2006 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
20. One juvenile Al Wathba Lake 25 Nov 2006 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
21. One adult Abu Dhabi International Airport 9 Apr 2007 (SL James), presumed same at nearby Bin Butti Lake 19 Apr 2007 (SJ Aspinall).
22. One Al Wathba Lake 1 Sep 2007 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
Vagrant.
1. Two Hatta Lake 27 Oct–1 Nov 1998 (P Willoughby, S & MC Jennings *et al*).
2. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 1 Dec 2001–24 Feb 2002 (DA Diskin *et al*).
3. One juvenile Wamm Farms 26 Sep–7 Oct 2006 (SL James *et al*).

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
Very common passage migrant and common winter visitor; some oversummer.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; some oversummer.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus falcinellus*
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor, rare May and June.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
Common to very common passage migrant and fairly common winter visitor; recorded all months.

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*
Vagrant.
1. One Al Wathba Lake 3–11 Jan 2010 (OJ Campbell *et al*).

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months.
Large numbers winter in the Gulf of Oman.

Grey Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicaria*
Vagrant.
1. Four to six adults 25 miles off Fujairah 30 May 1989 (WF Curtis).
2. One Al Wathba Lake 18 Jan 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell, SJ Aspinall, J Stewart).

3. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 5–6 Mar 2009 (SJ Aspinall, OJ Campbell *et al*).
4. One Al Wathba Lake 16–20 May 2009 (NJ Moran *et al*).

Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor*

Uncommon breeding resident; post-breeding flocks widespread.

Cream-coloured Courser. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola pratincola*

Fairly common passage migrant; recorded all months.

A potential colonist; recent breeding attempts:

2005: Al Wathba area; eight nests failed, including at chick stage (T van Overveld, per MC Jennings).

2006: May have bred Al Maqam (per D Clark).

2008: May have bred Dubai Pivot Fields (N Tovey).

2010: Bred Ajban (M Almazrouei).

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

Vagrant.

1. Two juveniles Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 25 Aug 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, AP Twyman *et al*).
2. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 3–4 Apr 2003 (AP Twyman *et al*).
3. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 21–24 Sep 2004 (C Richardson, NJ Moran, SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

Vagrant.

1. One near Khor Dubai 10 Dec 1984 (JAD Chapman).
2. One Al Ain Camel Racetrack 1–3 Oct 1993 (M McGill *et al*).
3. One Kalba Beach 29 Dec 1993–30 Jan 1994 (C Richardson, Naturstudienreisen *et al*).
4. One Ruwais 4 May 1996 (P Sharman).
5. One Wamm Farms 23 Oct 1996 (C Richardson, Avian Adventures).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 8–22 Oct 1999 (SJ Aspinall, M Mahdi *et al*).
7. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 18 Mar 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
8. One immature Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 6–13 Oct 2000 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer *et al*).
9. One immature Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 22–27 Oct 2002 (SL James *et al*).
10. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 28 Aug 2003 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
11. One adult Dubai Pivot Fields 7–14 Jul 2004 (DA Diskin, C Temple).
12. One immature Wamm Farms 26–29 Sep 2006 and again 20–25 Oct 2006 (SL James *et al*).

13. Two immatures Wamm Farms 10–15 Nov 2006 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell *et al*).
14. One adult Sharjah Rubbish Tip 9 Mar 2007 (SL James, SJ Aspinall, NJ Moran *et al*).
15. One Dubai Pivot Fields 17 Aug 2007 (S Jahan).
16. One immature Wamm Farms 21 Sep 2007 (SL James, N Tovey, C Temple).
17. One Hamraniyah Fields 27 Mar 2009 (N Tovey).
18. Two immatures Wamm Farms 4–12 Sep 2009 (SL James, OJ Campbell *et al*).

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*

Vagrant.

1. One immature Abu Dhabi 4–23 Nov 1978 (MA Hollingworth *et al*).
2. One Khor Dubai 5–8 Mar 1984 (JAD Chapman).
3. One Khor Dubai 9 Feb 1985 (JAD Chapman).
4. One Zabeel Ponds 15 Dec 1985 (C Richardson).
5. One Khor Dubai 11 Dec 1993 (H Virtanen).
6. One Nad al-Sheba 25–30 Jan 1994 (C Richardson *et al*).
7. One Khor Kalba Harbour 2 Dec 1995 (A Parker).
8. One Emirates Golf Club 15 Dec 1997–7 Feb 1998 (C Richardson).
9. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 2 Dec 2001–23 Jan 2002 (P Bourdin, AP Twyman *et al*).
10. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 29 Nov 2002–1 Feb 2003 (DA Diskin *et al*), possibly returning bird.
11. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 31 Dec 2004 (DA Diskin), possibly returning bird.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla tridactyla*

Vagrant.

1. One first-summer Fujairah Port Beach 9 Apr 1998 (A Dean, C Richardson, Naturetrek) and again Kalba plain 17 Apr 1998 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
2. One first-winter Qurrayah 5 Mar 2001 (SJ Aspinall, T Potts), same Khor Kalba Harbour 27 Mar 2001 (C Richardson).
3. One first-winter off Bidiyah 7 Nov 2005 (H Schmaljohann, J Goedelt, F Frank).
4. One first-winter Fujairah Port Beach 11–12 Feb 2010 (N Tovey *et al*).

Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*

Vagrant.

1. One adult at Ramtha Rubbish Tip 24 Jun–26 Jul 1991 (S Turner, C Richardson, RA Richardson).
2. One Fujairah/Khor Kalba beach 8 May 1995 (G Keijl *et al*), again 19 May (SJ Aspinall).

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

Common to very common passage migrant and winter visitor; some birds oversummer.

Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

Vagrant.

1. One offshore Fujairah 26 Jan 1988 (WRP Bourne).
2. One immature Port Rashid 3 Feb 1988 (WRP Bourne).
3. One east of Dibba 5 Dec 1990 (WRP Bourne).

4. One immature 5 nautical miles off Dubai 5 Jan 1991 (WRP Bourne).
5. One adult Fujairah Port Beach 6 Mar 2001 (SJ Aspinall).
6. One immature Sharjah Rubbish Tip 26–28 Mar 2001 (DA Diskin).

Common Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor; some birds oversummer.

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Vagrant.
1. One Khor Kalba 11–28 Mar 1996 (H de Haag, M Dryden).
2. One first-winter in Sila'a harbour 3 May 1996 (SL James).
3. One Fujairah Port Beach 13 Nov 1997 (J Reynolds).
4. One Umm-al Qaiwain Tip 4–5 Mar 1998 (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall).
5. One Emirates Golf Club 11–21 Apr 1998 (C Richardson *et al*).
6. One first-summer Al Wathba Lake 30 Apr 1998 (SL James).
7. One Kalba Corniche 19–20 Jan 2000 (C Richardson).
8. One Kalba Corniche 15 Oct 2000 (C Richardson).
9. One adult Sharjah Rubbish Tip 21 Jan 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).
10. One first-winter Kalba Harbour 18–23 Feb 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).
11. One second-winter Al Wathba Lake 3 Jan 2007 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
12. One immature Sharjah Rubbish Tip 5 May 2007 (J Buckler).
13. One immature Khor Kalba Harbour 12–15 Sep 2008 and again 20 Sep (SL James *et al*).
14. One immature Khor Kalba 11–20 Mar 2010 (N Tovey *et al*).

Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*
Vagrant.
1. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 27 Dec 1996 (P Haldén).
2. One first-winter Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 17–24 Feb 1997 (SL James *et al*).
3. One first-winter Sir Bani Yas Island 8–9 Mar 1998 (SJ Aspinall).
4. One first-winter Al Warsan Lakes 11 Dec 2006 and 15–27 Jan 2007 (SL James, E Adolfsen, N Tovey).
5. One first-winter Al Wathba Lake 18 Jan–21 Feb 2007 (OJ Campbell, NJ Moran, SL James *et al*).
6. One first-winter Mafraq Rubbish Tip 13 Feb 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
7. One first-winter Safa Park 10–19 Dec 2008 and 23–24 Jan 2009 (NJ Moran *et al*), same Umm Suqeim 9 Jan and 1 Feb 2009 (A Jones).

Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*
Fairly common winter visitor, late November–April; rarely other months.

White-eyed Gull *Larus leucopthalmus*
Vagrant.
1. One adult Khor Kalba 9 May 1994 (SJ Aspinall, C Gladwin).
2. One immature Fujairah Port Beach 13 Sep 2002 (DA Diskin *et al*), presumed same 9 Nov 2002 (C Johnsson).

Great Black-headed Gull. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Sooty Gull. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Sooty Gull *Larus hemprichii*

Very common migrant visitor East Coast, often scarce in winter; breeds on Arabian Gulf islands.

Common Gull *Larus canus*

Former vagrant, now nearly annual but rare.

1. One Abu Dhabi Island 23 Nov 1965 (PAD Hollom).
2. One Khor Fakkan 8 Nov 1972 (L & SJ Tyler).
3. One Hamriyah 13 Jan 1988 (S Newton).
4. One Port Rashid 27 Jan and 1 Feb 1988 (WRP Bourne).
5. One Zabeel water treatment plant 28 Jan 1988 (P Antrobus).
6. One Abu Dhabi Island 26 Mar 1988 (P Hellyer).
7. One first-winter Rams Rubbish Tip 27 Mar 1996 (Naturetrek).
8. One first-winter Kalba beach 31 Mar 1998 (A Harrop, Naturetrek), nearby 17 Apr 1998 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
9. One first-winter Khor Kalba Harbour 1 Mar 2000 (C Richardson, Naturetrek).
10. One Khor Kalba Harbour 30 Jan 2001 (J Sanders).
11. One first-winter Qurrayah 5 Mar 2001 (SJ Aspinall, T Potts).
12. One first-winter Kalba Corniche 3 Apr 2003 (DA Diskin).
13. One Nad al-Sheba 12 Jan 2004 (DA Diskin).
14. One first-winter Khor Kalba 25 Feb 2004 (G Gundersen, V Bunes), again 13 Mar and 22 Apr 2004 (SL James *et al*).
15. One first-winter Kalba Corniche 8 Dec 2005, again 20 Feb–2 Mar 2006 (N Tovey, J Wilkinson *et al*).
17. One first-winter Al Warsan Lakes 18–19 Jan 2007 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, T Pedersen).

18. One second-winter Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Reserve 31 Dec 2007–1 Jan 2008 (S Dodgson *et al*).
19. One first-winter Dubai; Creekside Park 20 Jan 2008 (D Wilby).
20. One adult Al Wathba Lake 31 Jan 2008, moved to Mafraq Tip 29 Feb 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
21. One second-winter Al Warsan Lakes 7–14 Mar 2008 (N Tovey *et al*).
22. One first-summer Rafa'a north 27 Mar 2009 (N Tovey *et al*).
23. One first-summer Fujairah Port Beach 28 Mar 2009 (T Pedersen, KA Hansen, T Johnsen).

Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*
Uncommon to locally fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*
Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Rare passage migrant, September–October and February–April; rarely other months.

Heuglin's Gull *Larus* (*fuscus/heuglini*) *heuglini*
Common or locally common passage migrant and winter visitor; absent June–August.

Steppe Gull *Larus* (*fuscus/heuglini*) *barabensis*
Common to very common passage migrant and winter visitor.
Reports of *L. f. taimyrensis* unsubstantiated.

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus pileatus*
Former vagrant, now considered rare visitor East Coast. One record in the Gulf.

Brown Noddy, 9th UAE record. © *Ian Boustead*

1. One Ra's Dibba 16 Jun 1995 (SL James, J Buxton).
2. One Ra's Dibba 20 Apr 2001 (DA Diskin, P Bourdin).
3. One Ra's Dibba 11 Oct 2002 with two present 28 Oct 2002 (T Pedersen, OB Hansen, KA Hansen).
4. One Ra's Dibba 31 Jul 2003 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Ra's Dibba 24 Feb 2004 (V Bunes, G Gundersen).
6. Five Al Ghurfa Breakwater 18 Jul 2004 with one adult 22 Jul 2004 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
7. Four Al Ghurfa Breakwater 1 Dec 2004 with five there 2 Dec 2004 (P Devilliers, SJ Aspinall, NJ Dymond *et al*).
8. One Al Ghurfa Breakwater 11 May 2006 (SJ Aspinall, T Pedersen, N Tovey *et al*).
9. Two off Khor Fakkan 21 Jul 2006 (N Tovey *et al*).
10. Three Bidiya Harbour 10 Aug 2006 with two present 21 Aug (N Tovey, SL James).
11. Two Ra's Dibba 21 Aug 2006 (N Tovey, SL James), with eight present 15 Sep 2006 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
12. One off Khor Fakkan 7 Oct 2006 (N Tovey *et al*).
13. One Fujairah Hilton Hotel 16 Apr 2007 (SL James).
14. One Ra's Dibba 4 Nov 2007 with two there 16 Nov (SL James, NJ Moran *et al*).
15. Up to 17 birds off Fujairah Port Beach and Fujairah Hilton Hotel 31 Jul–24 Oct 2008 (SL James *et al*).
16. One Ra's Dibba 15 Aug 2008 (SL James *et al*).

Swift Tern. © *Tommy Pedersen*

17. One Khor Kalba Harbour 26 Jun 2009 (G Talbot).
18. One Jebel Dhanna 4 May 2010 (SL James).
19. One Fujairah Port Beach 25 May 2010 (AP Twyman).
20. Up to five offshore Khor Kalba 18–25 Jun 2010 (M Smiles *et al*).

Lesser Noddy *Anous tenuirostris tenuirostris*
Vagrant.
1. Two Ra's Dibba 14–23 Sep 1994, one remaining to 14 Oct 1994 (M Fouquet, O Girard *et al*).
2. One Al Ghurfa Breakwater 18 Jul 2004 (SL James, SJ Aspinall, I Boustead).
3. One Fujairah Port Beach 9–10 Aug 2008 (SL James, T Pedersen); different bird Fujairah Port Beach 10 Aug–24 Oct 2008, with two present 14 Aug–4 Oct 2008 (T Pedersen *et al*).

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica*
Common passage migrant and winter visitor, recorded all months.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
Common passage migrant and winter visitor, recorded all months; has bred.

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii velox*
Rare breeding visitor; common passage migrant and winter visitor.

Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*
Common breeding visitor, very common passage migrant and winter visitor.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis sandvicensis*
Very common passage migrant and winter visitor, some oversummer.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*
Vagrant.
1. One Jazirat al-Hamra 23 Oct 1986 (Dubai Shorebird Project).
2. Two southeast of Sir Abu Nuair Island 10 May 1989 (WF Curtis).

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Very common passage migrant and common winter visitor; recorded all months.

Both nominate *hirundo* and dark-billed *minussensis* occur.

Common Tern *S. h. minussensis*. © *Tommy Pedersen*

White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*

Very common breeding visitor and passage migrant, uncommon to rare in winter.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

Vagrant.

1. One adult Al Wathba Lake 24 Apr 1997 (SL James, SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman *et al*).
2. One adult Fujairah Port Beach 7 May 2010 (M Smiles).

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

Common passage migrant (some inland) March–May, uncommon or rare in autumn (but when separation from Saunders's Tern problematic); no definite records January or February.

Saunders's Tern *Sternula saundersi*

Common breeding visitor and passage migrant, scarcer in winter.

White-cheeked Tern, adult and juvenile. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Little Tern. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Saunders's Tern. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus fuligula*
Very common breeding visitor and passage migrant late March–mid November, uncommon to rare December–February.

Bridled Tern, immature. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscata nubilosa*
Vagrant.
1. One Sir Abu Nua'ir Island 14 Jun and 8 Aug 1969 (ENT Morris).
2. Two off the East Coast 17 May 1974 (PWG Chilman).
3. Two Kalba Corniche 16 Nov 2007 (K Renes, R Huisman).
3. One first-summer Fujairah Hilton Hotel 9 Aug 2008 (SL James), probably same Fujairah Port Beach to Khor Kalba 22 Aug–15 Sep 2008 (T Pedersen *et al*).
4. One adult Fujairah Port Beach 9 Aug 2008 (SL James).
5. Two second-summer birds Fujairah Port Beach 22 Aug 2008 (A Jones), with one there 23 Aug (SL James, D Wilby, G Talbot *et al*).
6. One first-winter Khor Kalba Harbour 7 Nov 2008 (SJ Aspinall, R Quested).

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida hybrida*
Common passage migrant, uncommon in winter; recorded all months.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*
Fairly common passage migrant, uncommon in winter; recorded all months.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger niger*
Vagrant.
1. One Kalba beach 8 Apr 1993 (R Quested).
2. One near Rul Dhadnah 14 Oct 1993 (E Hirschfeld).
3. One juvenile Khor Kalba 24 Jul 1998 (C Richardson).
4. One Abu Dhabi Corniche 26 Sep 1999 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Fujairah Hilton 6 Sep 2000 (SJ Aspinall).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 5 Oct 2001 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman, A Ward *et al*).
7. One adult summer Al Ghurfa Breakwater 7 Apr 2005 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
8. One adult winter Dubai Pivot Fields 11 Dec 2006 (SL James, T Pedersen).
9. One adult winter Ra's Dibba 11 Nov 2007 (SL James).
10. One Al Wathba Lake 2–22 Mar 2008 (OJ Campbell, NJ Moran, G Saunders *et al*).
11. One Wamm Farms 22–28 Aug 2009 (N Tovey, AP Twyman).

Brown/South Polar Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus/maccormicki*
Vagrant.
1. One Sandy Beach Motel 8 Jan 2000 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).

Earlier reports unsubstantiated but details sought for proposed review.

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus*
Fairly common migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months.

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*
Common migrant and winter visitor; recorded all months.

Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*
Vagrant.
1. Two 40 miles off Fujairah 26 Mar 1989 (WF Curtis).
2. Two near Dubai 5 Apr 1989 (WF Curtis).
3. One adult, two juveniles Ra's Dibba 22 Sep 1994 (SL James).
4. One Umm al-Qaiwain Breakwater 10 Apr 1998 (C Saunders).
5. One Al Shaam 17 Jan 1999 (K Mild).
6. One adult Al Ghurfa Breakwater 3 May 2006 (NJ Moran).
7. Two adults Al Ghurfa Breakwater 25 May 2006 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, NJ Moran).
8. Three adults Fujairah Port Beach 6 Jun 2007 (SL James, T Pedersen).
9. Two adults Fujairah Hilton Hotel 20 Jun 2008 (SL James).
10. One immature Fujairah Hilton Hotel 1 Aug 2008 (SL James).

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus erlangeri*
Common but declining resident.

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse. © *Mike Barth*

Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus*
Vagrant.
1. Flock of *c*100 Sila'a Peninsula 9 and 16 Aug 1996 (A Rollo); 104 there 30 Aug (A Rollo, SL James, SJ Aspinall) and 36 on 6 Sep 1996 (A Rollo, C Richardson).
2. Flock of 274 Sila'a Peninsula 9 Apr 1998 (SL James).
3. Flock of 35 birds Ruwais sewage treatment plant 10 Apr 1998 (SL James).
4. One male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 28 Oct–23 Dec 1999 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, A Pimbley *et al*).
5. One Al Ain Water Treatment Plant 24–27 Oct 2009 (SL James, H Roberts, D Clark *et al*).

Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii arabicus*
Fairly common mountain resident.

Rock Dove *Columba livia*
Very common. Pure individuals now deemed unlikely to occur.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas*
Vagrant.
1. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 9 Nov 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).

Common Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*
Vagrant.
1. Two Emirates Golf Club 22 Aug 1992, with white neck-patch (A Forsten, T Numminen).

2. One Das Island 2–22 Dec 1992, with white neck-patch (L Reaney, M Wood).
3. One Zabeel Ponds 2 Jan 1994, with white neck-patch (J Dierschke, C Richardson).
4. One Dubai; Creekside Park 16–19 Mar 1998, with white neck-patch (C Saunders, SL James).
5. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 2–11 Apr 2000, race *casiotis*, with cinnamon neck-patch (SJ Aspinall, R Quested *et al*).
6. One Safa Park 2–12 Mar 2006, with white neck-patch (SL James *et al*).
7. One Wamm Farms 4 Oct 2008, with white neck-patch (SL James, AP Twyman).

Note: Race *casiotis*, breeding Oman and SE Iran, has cinnamon neck patch; other Eurasian source populations have characteristic white neck-patch.

Releases documented:

- Up to 12 escaped birds Dubai City; Wafi area 9 Nov 2008–14 May 2009, all with white neck-patch (N Tovey *et al*).
- One Dubai Pivot Fields 30 Jan 2009 (A Jones); origin uncertain.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

Fairly common and widespread breeding visitor, April–September, and scarce autumn migrant, with single records December and January. Over 1200 recorded previously at former Al Wathba Camel Race Track fodder fields in early autumn.

Rufous Turtle Dove *Streptopelia* (*orientalis*) *meena*

Rare to very uncommon autumn migrant mid September–November, also recorded in January, March and July.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*

Locally abundant resident; few records prior to 1977.

Red Turtle Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Vagrant.

1. One Hamraniyah Fields 21 Oct 1997 (P Brett).

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis cambayensis*

Abundant and widespread resident.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis capensis*

Uncommon to fairly common resident, mainly Abu Dhabi Western Region.

First record: Asab Oilfield 22–23 May 1988 (D Robinson). First confirmed breeding record: Ghiyathi, 17 Jul 1997 (MC Jennings).

Namaqua Dove. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* (Category C)
Widespread in urban centres; expanding since first records post-1988.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* (Category C)
Common resident; first records from early 1970s.

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
Vagrant.
1. One first-summer Ain al-Fayda 14 Mar 2008 (D Card), same Jebel Hafit 20–21 Mar 2008 (G Brown *et al*).

Pied Cuckoo *Oxylophus jacobinus*
Vagrant.
1. One Wamm Farms 7 Sep 2007 (D Wilby, A Jones).
2. One Ajban 4–6 Jan 2009 (A Al Ali, M Almazrouei *et al*).

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus scolopaceus*
Vagrant.
1. One Dubai 21–24 Mar 1977 (J Armitage).
2. One Abu Dhabi Island 16 Feb 1988 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson).
3. One Emirates Golf Club 13 Nov 1993 (C Richardson).
4. One Safa Park 1 Mar 1996 (M Garner).
5. One female/immature Al Manhal, Abu Dhabi, 25–26 Jul 1997 (SJ Aspinall, C & J Glendenning).
6. One female Al Mamzar Park 13–18 Apr 2002 (DA Diskin).
7. One male Safa Park 21 Mar 2003 (DA Diskin).
8. One male Wamm Farms, filmed 18 Feb 2005 (German group, via NJ Moran).
9. One female Dibba town 11 Mar 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran, R Quested).
10. One male Wamm Farms 18 Nov 2005 (C Richardson *et al*).
11. One male Abu Dhabi; British School 3–4 Oct 2006 (OJ Campbell, NJ Moran).

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
Uncommon migrant January (rare), February–May and August–November; may breed.

Great Spotted Cuckoo, 1st UAE record. © *Gary Brown*

Common Cuckoo. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Pallid Scops Owl. © *Shah Jahan*

Little Owl. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba erlangeri*
Uncommon to rare breeding resident.

Pallid Scops Owl *Otus brucei exiguus*
Fairly common breeding resident.

Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops*
Uncommon migrant March–April and September–November.

Pharaoh Eagle-owl *Bubo ascalaphus*
Uncommon to fairly common breeding resident.

Little Owl *Athene noctua*
Formerly a fairly common resident, records indicate a decline. Subspecies unknown.

Lilith Owl *A.* (*noctua*) *lilith*
Individuals fitting the description of this possibly separate species are resident in part of the sand desert of western Abu Dhabi.

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus otus*
Vagrant.

1. One Sharjah City 29 Jan 1971 (B Etheridge).
2. One landed on ship off Khor Fakkan 28 Mar 1978 (PM Reynolds).
3. One Dubai; Port Rashid 19 Oct 1979 (W Wyper).
4. One Das Island 12 Dec 1991 (L Reaney).
5. One Das Island 10 Nov 1994 (L Reaney).
6. One Jebel Ali Hotel and Golf Resort 22 Nov 1996 (M Tunturi).
7. One found dead Das Island 6 Dec 1998 (L Reaney).
8. One Al Wathba Lake 14 Oct 1999 (SL James, AP Twyman *et al*).
9. One Das Island 15 Apr 2001 (SJ Aspinall).
10. Four Mushrif National Park 17 Feb 2003, with one present to 4 Mar (C Richardson, JA Leclercq).

11. Two Mushrif National Park 26 Dec 2003, with four present 22 Feb 2004, three remaining to 5 Mar 2004 (SJ Aspinall, DA Diskin *et al*).
12. Two Mushrif National Park 4 Dec 2004–4 Jan 2005 (SJ Aspinall, DA Diskin *et al*).
13. One Khalidiya 23 Nov 2006 (SJ Aspinall, C & J Glendenning).

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
Rare to very uncommon winter visitor October–April.

Short-eared Owl. © *Tommy Pedersen*

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*
Common migrant April–May, once June, and September–mid November, rarely into December.

Egyptian Nightjar *Caprimulgus aegyptius aegyptius*
Fairly common to common migrant and winter visitor, September–early May.

Sykes's Nightjar *Caprimulgus mahrattensis*
Vagrant.
1. One male Dubai Pivot Fields 4 Feb 2001 (R Grimmett, C Richardson, P Bourdin).
2. One male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 9–28 Feb 2001 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
3. One male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 14 Jan–22 Feb 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran *et al*).
4. One male Wamm Farms 20–25 Dec 2007 and again 18–23 Jan 2008 (SL James, OB Hansen *et al*).

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*
Vagrant.
1. Two Dubai Airport 6 Aug 1975 (W Wyper).
2. One Umm al-Qaiwain 9 Jun 1978 (MA Hollingworth, R McNiff).
3. One Safa Park 7 May 1982 (M West).
4. One Dubai City 5 Jun 1987 (G Kumar).

Egyptian Nightjar. © *Huw Roberts*

5. One Remah–Sweihan 13 Mar 1992 (NARC).
6. One near Dhafra airbase 12 Dec 1992 (I Philips).
7. One Dubai; Rashidiyah 13 Sep 1992 (S Turner).
8. One Khor Kalba 31 Mar 1994 (M Hardwick).
9. One Al Ain Intercontinental Hotel 6 Sep 1994 (SJ Aspinall, O Wardman).
10. One Al Ain Water Treatment Plant 12 Feb 1995 (A Forsten, T Numminen).
11. One Hamraniyah 2 Mar 1995 (Naturstudienreisen).
12. Two Qarn Nazwa 11 Mar 1996 (P Rusanen).
13. One Bateen Wood 16 Apr 1997 (AP Twyman).
14. One Jebel Hafit 18 Apr 1997 (I Larsson).
15. Three Emirates Golf Club 14 Apr 1998 (C Richardson).
16. Two Khor al-Beidah 17 Sep 1998 (DE Sargeant).
17. One Tower Links Golf Course 11 Mar 2000 (P Brett).
18. One Dubai Airport 23 Oct 2005 (E Durand).
19. Three, possibly four, Khalidiya 16 Jan 2008 (SJ Aspinall, J Stewart *et al*).
20. One Wamm Farms 17 Jan 2008 (Birdwatching Breaks).
21. One Al Ghail area 7 Feb 2008 (OJ Campbell).
22. Two Abu Dhabi Hilton Hotel 20 Jun 2008, one remaining next day (A Ward *et al*).

Undated reports Al Ain end May and mid October 1985 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Uncommon migrant, late February (rarely mid Feb) to early May with a peak in April, scarce in autumn. One December record.

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*

Very common migrant and breeding visitor. Nests from November–April/May, uncommon to rare from June–October.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus pacificus*

Vagrant.

1. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 24 Sep 1999 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman *et al*).
2. One The Montgomerie; Emirates Hills Golf Course 20 Jan 2002 (C Richardson).

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Rare migrant, January–June, September–October and December.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis benghalensis*

Very common breeding resident in the northern Emirates and Al Ain area; range expanding.

Indian Roller. © *Huw Roberts*

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Fairly common migrant, April–early May and mid August–October. Formerly bred Ra's al-Khaimah.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis smyrnensis*

Vagrant.

1. Two Ramtha Rubbish Tip 30 Nov 1990 (WRP Bourne).
2. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 28 Aug 1992–7 Feb 1993 (J Hart *et al*).
3. One Dhayah 28 Dec 1995 (NSR/G Schön, C Richardson).
4. One Dhayah 17–23 Jan 1998 (D Sheldon, P Brett).
5. One Ra's al-Khaimah Khor 23 Oct 1998 (SJ Aspinall, P Brett).
6. One near Khatt Lake 7 Mar 1999 (P Leigh).
7. One Ra's al-Khaimah Airport 6 Nov 2001 (P Brett).
8. One Khor Kalba 20 Feb 2009 (P Jaquith).

Grey-headed Kingfisher ***Halcyon leucocephala***

Vagrant.

1. One Asab Oilfield 14–17 Jun 1990 (L Reaney, R Traves).

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris kalbaensis*

Common but threatened endemic resident of Khor Kalba mangroves. A minimum of 44 territories recorded in May 1995; the population having declined dramatically since.

Collared Kingfisher, *T. c. kalbaensis*. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Common migrant and winter visitor, mid August–April.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis rudis*

Vagrant.

1. One Umm al-Qaiwain 27 Feb and 13 Mar 1980 (T Nightingale, CM Saunders).
2. One Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 18 Nov 1986–20 Mar 1987 (JM Hollingworth et al).
3. One Jumeirah Beach Palace December 1986–February 1987 (K Hyland).
4. One Abu Dhabi 19 Aug–6 Sep 1987 (P Hellyer).
5. One Khor Kalba 27 Oct 1989 (J Hart, J Footitt).
6. One Ramtha Rubbish Tip 4 Oct–10 Nov 1989 (S Turner).
7. Up to two Ramtha Rubbish Tip 2 Nov 1990–15 Feb 1991 (S Turner, C Richardson, R Green *et al*).
8. One Zabeel Ponds 21 Jan–23 Feb 1995 (K Drissner, W Kurz *et al*).
9. One Safa Park 25 Oct 1996–22 Jan 1997 (P Rusanen *et al*) then at nearby Zabeel Ponds 14 Feb–18 Mar 1997 (C Richardson *et al*).
10. One Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 8 Dec 1996–2 Feb 1997 (A Ward *et al*).
11. One Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 27 Nov 1997 (SL James), perhaps returning bird; again 9 Jan–7 Mar 1998 (C & J Glendenning, AP Twyman *et al*).

12. One Dhayah area 27 Nov 1998–4 Feb 1999 (D Scott, K Mcgregor, C Richardson).
13. One Zabeel Ponds 6 Nov 1999–19 Feb 2000 (M Koivula, C Richardson *et al*).
14. One Khor Kalba 6 Dec 1999–25 Feb 2000 (T Lawson, SJ Aspinall, C Richardson, R Aye).
15. One Abu Dhabi; Western Lagoon 30 Jan–10 Feb 2000 (AP Twyman, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
16. One Emirates Golf Club 16 Oct 2005 and again 1–9 Dec 2005 (N Tovey *et al*).
17. One Khor Zawra 7–19 Nov 2008 (A Al Ali *et al*).
18. One Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 19 Nov 2008 (R Khan).
19. One Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon 30 Nov 2008 and 26–27 Jan 2009 (J Eriksen *et al*).
20. One Musaffah 11 Feb 2009 (R Hornby).
21. One Sir Bani Yas Island 19–20 Feb 2009 (A Ward); presumed same 2 May 2009 (S Wilson).
22. One female Dubai Media City 6 Jan–1 Feb 2010 (A & A de Smet *et al*).
23. One Ruwais 5 Mar 2010 (D Wilby).

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*

Vagrant.

1. One Emirates Golf Club 20 Nov 1989 and again there 5 Mar 1990 (C Richardson, JK Bannon, A Forsten, T Numminen).

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis muscatensis*

Common to very common breeding resident; range expanding.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus persicus*

Common migrant and declining breeding visitor, mid February–October. One December record.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Common migrant late March–April and mid August–mid October. Formerly bred Ra's al-Khaimah; current status uncertain.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, juvenile. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops epops*
Very common migrant and local resident; widespread in winter.

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant, March–April and September–mid October, with some birds wintering.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Vagrant.

1. One adult male Emirates Golf Club 26 Apr 2004 of the nominate subspecies, *L. c. cristatus* (O Samwald).
2. One adult male Khalidiyah 11 May 2007 of the subspecies *L. c. lucionensis* or an intergrade *lucionensis/cristatus* (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell, I Boustead).
3. One adult male Jebel Hafit 4 Feb–22 Apr 2008, probably from 2 Nov 2007, apparently of nominate subspecies (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell, SJ Aspinall, D Clark *et al*).
4. One adult female Jebel Hafit 13 Nov 2008–12 Mar 2009, subspecies uncertain (SJ Aspinall, R Quested *et al*).
5. One first-winter male Dubai Pivot Fields 2 Dec 2008–23 Apr 2009 of the nominate subspecies (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell *et al*)
6. One adult male Dubai Pivot Fields 3 Oct 2009–21 Apr 2010 presumed returning bird (A Al Ali *et al*).

Brown Shrike, 5th UAE record. © *Mike Barth*

Daurian Shrike. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*
Common migrant April–May. Uncommon September–October, rare November.

Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Daurian Shrike *L.* (*isabellinus*) *isabellinus*
Common migrant and winter visitor, October–April, scarce other months.

Turkestan Shrike *L.* (*isabellinus*) *phoenicuroides*
Common migrant, March–early May and September–mid November; scarce other months.

Bay-backed Shrike *Lanius vittatus nargianus*
Vagrant.
Bred successfully Masafi Wadi June 2010; first UAE breeding record.

1. One Sharjah City 10 Apr 1970 (FE Warr).
2. One Digdaga Fields 15–30 Nov 1972 (L & SJ Tyler).

3. One Al Ain City 23 Feb 1979 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
4. One Khalidiyah 24 Nov–1 Dec 1989 (JM Hollingworth).
5. One Dalma Island 30 Apr 1990 (JAD Chapman).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 14 Apr 1995 (SL James, J Buxton *et al*).
7. One Emirates Golf Club 16 Apr 1995 (C Richardson).
8. One Umm al-Qaiwain Breakwater 26 Mar 1997 (R Smith).
9. One adult male Wamm Farms 11 Mar 1998 (C Richardson, Limosa).
10. One Wamm Farms 20 Sep 2002 (T Pedersen, P Bourdin).
11. One Wamm Farms 26 Dec 2003–12 Mar 2004 (SJ Aspinall, DA Diskin *et al*).
12. One Wamm Farms 21 Apr 2006 (N Tovey *et al*).
13. One Wamm Farms 23 Sep 2006 (T Pedersen).
14. One juvenile Khor Kalba roundabout 3 Jul 2009 (D Wilby).
15. One Wamm Farms 19 Mar 2010 (AP Twyman).
16. One Al Jais, 19–20 Mar 2010 (H & J Eriksen).
17. One Wamm Farms 3 Apr 2010 (J Angliss *et al*).
18. One adult with two juveniles Masafi Wadi 7–23 Jun 2010 (W Hare, N Milius *et al*).

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach erythronotus*
Vagrant.
1. One Khalidiyah 9–11 Sep 1999 (AP Twyman *et al*).
2. One Millennium Airport Hotel garden 3–21 Mar 2003 (M Cade, C Richardson *et al*).
3. One wintering Wamm Farms 24 Oct 2003–20 Mar 2004 (DA Diskin *et al*).
4. One wintering Green Mubazzarah 3 Jan–26 Mar 2006 (SJ Aspinall, B Moskoff *et al*).
5. One Sheraton Golf Club; Umm al Nar 13 Mar 2007 (SL James).
6. One Wamm Farms 14 Mar 2009 (AP Twyman).

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*
Fairly common migrant, April–May, uncommon late August–mid November.

Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*

Southern Grey Shrike *L. meridionalis aucheri*
Very common and widespread breeding resident, also noted on passage and as a winter visitor.

Bay-backed Shrike, 16th UAE record. © *Hanne & Jens Eriksen*

Southern Grey Shrike. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Steppe Grey Shrike *L. (meridionalis) pallidirostris*

Fairly common migrant and winter visitor with peak migration in mid March and September–October.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator niloticus*

Fairly common migrant, mid February–early May, rare to uncommon August–October, recorded January.

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*

Uncommon but regular migrant, mid March–May and September–October. A few birds winter annually in Abu Dhabi and Dubai parks and gardens.

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus oriolus*

Uncommon to fairly common migrant, late April–May, occasionally in June and August–mid October; rarely winter months.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus albirictus*

Vagrant.

1. One Qurrayah 17 Nov 2005–8 Jan 2006 (C Richardson *et al*).

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus longicaudatus*

Vagrant.

1. One Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area 16–19 Dec 2006 (NJ Moran *et al*).
2. One Ain al-Fayda 29 Feb–20 Mar 2008 (SL James *et al*).
3. One Al Warsan Water Treatment Plant 21 Dec 2009 (SP Lloyd); presumed same Safa Park 14–15 Jan and 2–17 Mar 2010 (P Mountain, N Tovey, R Khan *et al*).

Ashy Drongo, 3rd UAE record. © *Dave Clark*

Black/Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus/ leucophaeus*

Currently under review:

1. One Dubai; British Embassy garden, for seven weeks January–February 1977 (J Armitage).
2. Two Safa Park 5 Dec 1986–17 Jan 1987 (M West, C Richardson).
3. Two Digdaga fields 16 Nov 1990 (C Richardson).
4. One Jebel Ali Hotel 30 Nov 1990–1 Mar 1991 (JM Hollingworth, J Hart, G Ricks *et al*).
5. One Abu Dhabi Island 11 Apr 2010 (C Temple *et al*).

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Very common breeding resident on and near the Gulf coast from Abu Dhabi Island northwards, as well as on the East Coast (Gulf of Oman).

Brown-necked Raven. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Greater Hoopoe-lark. © *Huw Roberts*

Brown-necked Raven *Corvus ruficollis*
Fairly common but declining desert breeding resident.

Northern Raven *Corvus corax*
Vagrant.
1. One Khalidiyah 11 Nov 2005 with the same bird seen Abu Dhabi; Western Lagoon 12 Nov 2005 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, JAD Chapman *et al*).

Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*
Vagrant.
1. One Qusaihwira desert, 20 Feb 2006 (SJ Aspinall, R Hornby).

Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, November–mid April, with peak numbers typically in late winter/early spring.

Greater Hoopoe-lark *Alaemon alaudipes doriae*
Fairly common breeding resident; seasonal movements minimal.

Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*
Vagrant.
1. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 2–11 Feb 1995, presumed same 10 Apr 1995 (SL James *et al*).
2. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 2–18 Dec 1997 (A Abdi, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
3. One Dubai Pivot Fields 24–27 Nov 2000 (P Bourdin, DA Diskin).
4. One Wamm Farms 2 Dec 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
5. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 25 Nov 2004–15 Jan 2005 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman *et al*).

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*
Uncommon migrant and localised winter visitor, November–mid March.

Bar-tailed Lark *Ammomanes cinctura arenicolor*
Uncommon highly localised breeding resident.

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*
A. d. taimuri occurs as a common mountain and gravel plain breeding resident.
A. d. insularis occurs very locally on coastal bluffs in the western Abu Dhabi emirate.

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*
Common migrant, mid February–early April and mid August–November; may breed. Race *artemisiana* confirmed and nominate *brachydactyla* presumed regular visitor.

Lesser Short-toed Lark *Calandrella rufescens*
Localised breeding visitor and fairly common migrant and winter visitor, September–April. Breeding birds probably of subspecies *persica*.

Dunn's Lark *Eremalauda dunni eremodites*
Vagrant.
1. One Umm al-Qaiwain Corniche 27 Mar 1996 (HH & H de Haag).

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*
Very common to abundant resident; numbers and range increasing.

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis*
Fairly common winter visitor, November–mid March, rarely in April and October.

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula inconspicua*
Uncommon and localised migrant and winter visitor in small numbers, October–April. First record Ruwais 18 Nov 1991 (NARC).

Black-crowned Sparrow-lark *Eremopterix nigriceps melanauchen*
Common resident; nomadic in flocks in autumn and winter.

Bimaculated Lark. © *Ian Boustead*

Desert Lark, *A. d. taimuri*. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Black-crowned Sparrow-lark. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha*
Vagrant.
1. One Dubai; Jumeirah 28 Dec 1982 (JAD Chapman).

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* (Category C)
Localised and in decline. Has bred Abu Dhabi Island since 1991, but population now less than five pairs. Breeding reported Dubai 1985, but not since.

White-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus (leucogenys) leucotis* (Category C)
Common and widespread; range expanding.

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* (Category C)
Common; first recorded 1974. Range expanding.

White-spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthopygos*
Common native breeding resident in east of country.

Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor September–March. First recorded 4 Nov 1999 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*). Records presumed to involve *R.p.chinensis* 'Grey-throated Martin'.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia riparia*
Common migrant and winter visitor August–May; has occurred all months.

Pale Martin *Riparia (riparia) diluta*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, numbers varying annually.
First confirmed record: At least ten Ain al-Fayda 14 Jan 2000 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer).
Peak count 80 Sharjah Rubbish Tip 22 Dec 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).

Pale Martin. © *Huw Roberts*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica rustica*
Common migrant and winter visitor; occurs all months.

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii filifera*
Vagrant.
1. One adult Al Wathba Lake 20 Feb 1996 (SL James, P Hellyer, R Quested, AP Twyman *et al*).
2. One Emirates Golf Club 14–26 Jan 1998 (C Richardson, D Scott).
3. One immature Al Ain Camel Racetrack 7 Feb 1998; again 2 Apr 1998 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Wire-tailed Swallow, 9th UAE record. © *Huw Roberts*

4. One adult Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 18 Mar–7 Apr 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
5. One Dubai Pivot Fields and Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 27 Dec 2002, presumed same Dubai Pivot Fields 10 Jan 2003 (DA Diskin, T Pedersen).
6. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 11 Apr 2003 (SL James, AP Twyman *et al*).
7. Four Al Wathba Lake 31 Dec 2003–2 Jan 2004, with three there 9 Jan, two 13–23 Jan, one 6 Feb and four again 3–17 Mar 2004 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
8. Up to two Al Wathba Lake 15 Dec 2005–14 Apr 2006 (SJ Aspinall, NJ Moran *et al*).
9. One Al Ain Compost Plant 6–12 Feb 2010 (N Tovey *et al*).

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, August–May.

Pale Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne* (*fuligula*) *obsoleta*
Common resident of mountains and foothills, also nesting on high-rise buildings in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. (An unidentified dark subspecies of Pale Crag Martin, resembling Eurasian Crag Martin, regular Al Ain area in winter).

Pale Crag Martin. © *Huw Roberts*

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum urbicum*
Fairly common migrant and winter visitor, but sporadic; recorded all months.

Asian House Martin *Delichon* (*urbicum*) *dasypus*
Vagrant.
1. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 8–21 Oct 1999 (SJ Aspinall, M Mahdi *et al*).
2. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 25 Nov 2001 (C Richardson).
3. One Ain al-Fayda 20 Feb–8 Mar 2008 (SL James *et al*).

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*
Fairly common migrant in small numbers, late February–March, occasionally to May. Rare September–January. Failed breeding attempts noted at Masafi in 1998 and 1999.

Streak-throated Swallow *Petrochelidon fluvicola*
Vagrant.
1. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 22 Dec 2000–9 Feb 2001 (SL James, AP Twyman *et al*), two present 8 Jan and 1 Feb 2001 (C Richardson *et al*).
2. One Al Wathba Lake 2–8 Jan 2004 (SJ Aspinall, C Clark).
3. One Al Wathba Lake 23 Dec 2005–13 Jan 2006, possibly same bird 4 Mar 2006 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman, N Tovey *et al*).
4. One Ain al-Fayda 4–20 Feb 2008 (H Roberts, D Clark, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
5. One Al Warsan Lakes 5 Feb 2008 (T Pedersen, D Barr).
6. One Al Warsan Lakes and Nad al-Sheba Ponds 27 Dec 2008–17 Jan 2009 (S Dodgson *et al*).

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

Vagrant.

1. One Ruwais 21–25 Oct 1993 (SJ Aspinall).

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Late spring migrant, rare to common with variable numbers annually, late March–early June, rare mid August–October.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Migrant and winter visitor.

Scandinavian Chiffchaff *P. c. abietinus*

Very common migrant and winter visitor, end September–early April.

Siberian Chiffchaff *P. c. tristis*

Rare migrant and winter visitor, October–April. Other subspecies may occur.

Plain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus neglectus*

Fairly common to common winter visitor, mid October–end March.

Plain Leaf Warbler. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Uncommon migrant, mid March–mid May and more regular September–mid October. One January record.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Vagrant.

1. One Safa Park 19 Oct 1990 (M Pitt).
2. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Wood 10–20 Dec 1992 (SL James *et al*).
3. One Wamm Farms 28 Oct–4 Nov 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran *et al*).
4. One Khalidiyah 17–20 Nov 2007; presumed same 15–17 Dec 2007 and 2–15 Apr 2008 (SL James, NJ Moran, SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Vagrant.

1. One Emirates Golf Club 19 Nov 1992 (C Richardson).
2. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Wood 17 Oct 1995 (SL James, J Buxton).
3. One Khalidiyah 8 May 1997 (SL James).

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Vagrant.

1. One Khalidiyah 13 Nov 1998 (AP Twyman).
2. One Bu Hasa 31 Dec 1998 and 7–8 Feb 1999 (SJ Aspinall, O Wardman).
3. One Safa Park 2 Jan 1999 (SJ Aspinall).
4. One Jebel Ali Hotel 3 Jan 2003 (DA Diskin).
5. One Khalidiya 14 Oct 2005 (NJ Moran, SL James, AP Twyman).
6. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 22–25 Oct 2005 (AP Twyman, NJ Moran, SL James *et al*).

7. Two Khalidiya 5–12 Nov 2005, one bird until 9 Dec 2005 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
8. One Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area 8 Nov 2006 (NJ Moran, SL James).
9. One Lulu Island 24 Oct 2009 (OJ Campbell).
10. One Al Warsan Treatment Plant 22–28 Dec 2009 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei humei*

Rare to uncommon migrant and winter visitor, September–late April. Yellow-browed/ Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus/humei* only recently split; early records (pre-1996) did not differentiate between these two species.

Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*

Vagrant.

1. One Bateen Woods 17 Apr 1993 (SL James, R Quested).
2. One Khalidiyah 8–10 May 1997 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
3. One Khalidiyah 11–13 May 1998 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer, OL Wardman).
3. One Arzanah Island 19–22 Nov 2000 (SJ Aspinall).
4. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 21 Oct–3 Nov 2005 (NJ Moran, SL James *et al*).
5. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 6 Oct 2006 (OJ Campbell, NJ Moran).
6. One Khalidiyah 11–13 Oct 2006 (SL James, OJ Campbell, NJ Moran).
7. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 15 Oct 2006 (SL James, OJ Campbell).
8. One Khalidiyah 28 Apr–5 May 2007 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
9. One Khor Kalba mangroves 4 May 2007 (N Tovey).
10. One Jebel Hafit 18 Oct 2007 (T Pedersen, K Sarsfield).
11. One Khalidiyah 6 Nov 2007 (SL James).

Green/Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus/viridanus*

One Emirates Golf Club 4 Oct 1996 (SJ Aspinall, C Richardson).

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

Uncommon migrant, mid March–mid May, more regular mid August–November. Rare winter.

Indian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus* (*stentoreus*) *brunnescens*

Common resident, primarily in mangroves, but also locally at inland wetlands.

Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

Vagrant.

1. One Safa Park 13 Dec 1985 (C Richardson).
2. One Safa Park 14–18 May 1990 (C Richardson, M Pitt).
3. One Zabeel Ponds 13 Nov 1991–30 Jan 1992 with two birds 19 Dec 1991 (C Richardson).
4. One Ain al-Fayda 2 Feb 1994 (SL James, M McGill).
5. One Ain al-Fayda 17 Nov 1995–26 Jan 1996 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
6. One Ain al-Fayda 26 Jan–25 Feb 1997 (SJ Aspinall, RH Dennis).
7. Two Ain al-Fayda 13 Dec 1997 (SJ Aspinall).
8. One Dhayah 13 Feb 1998 (C Richardson).
9. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 8 Nov 1999–20 Mar 2000 (C Saunders, C Richardson).

Moustached Warbler, 15th UAE record. © *Tommy Pedersen*

10. One Qurrayah 1 Jan 2003 (SJ Aspinall).
11. One Dubai Pivot Fields 2 Dec 2005–12 Feb 2006 (I Boustead *et al*).
12. One Green Mubazzarah 29 Nov–9 Dec 2006 (SL James, H Roberts *et al*).
13. One Al Wathba Lake 6–12 Jan 2008 (NJ Moran *et al*).
14. One Dubai Pivot Fields 17 Dec 2008–7 Feb 2009 and 14 Mar 2009 (R Khan *et al*).
15. One Al Ain Water Treatment Plant 3–5 Nov 2009 (T Pedersen, OB Hansen *et al*).

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Uncommon spring migrant mid February–May, occasionally to June. Rare August–November.

Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*

Vagrant.

1. One Wamm Farms 8 Jan 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
2. One Abu Dhabi; British School-Al Khubairat 11 Oct 2007 (NJ Moran *et al*).

Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*

Rare migrant, April–May and August–November.

Only 13 accepted records, upwards of 25 records unsubstantiated or remaining unsubmitted.

1. One trapped Zabeel 5 May 1994 (E Hirschfeld, C Richardson).
2. One trapped Marawah Island 23 Aug 1994 (E Hirschfeld, M Schulz, J Lontkowski, T Swaraczyk).
3. Three trapped Marawah Island 24 Aug 1994 (E Hirschfeld, M Schulz, J Lontkowski, T Swaraczyk).
4. Four trapped Marawah Island 28 Aug 1994 (E Hirschfeld, M Schulz, J Lontkowski, T Swaraczyk).
5. One trapped Marawah Island 6 Sep 1994 (E Hirschfeld, M Schulz, J Lontkowski, T Swaraczyk).

6. One trapped Marawah Island 11 Sep 1994 (E Hirschfeld, M Schulz, J Lontkowski, T Swaraczyk).
7. One Bateen Wood 15 Apr 1996 (SL James).
8. One Abu Dhabi Hotel Intercontinental 17 May 2001 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
9. One Abu Dhabi Hotel Intercontinental 6 May 2003 (SL James, SJ Aspinall).
10. Two Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinney's area 6 May 2003, one remaining to 8 May (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
11. One Safa Park 7–8 May 2003 (DA Diskin).
12. One Dubai Creek Park 5 Sep 2003 (DA Diskin).
13. Two Mushrif Palace Garden 6–12 Oct 2006 with one on 13 Oct (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).

Caspian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus* (*scirpaceus*) *fuscus*

Resident and partial migrant breeder, and locally common passage visitor, late February–May and late July–early November.

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*

Common late spring migrant, late April–June, sometimes abundant May. Also recorded July, September and October.

Sykes's Warbler *Iduna rama*

Breeding resident in the Khor Kalba mangroves, with maximum of 15 pairs in 2000. Historical records Ra's al-Khaimah Khor (specimen records), otherwise unrecorded away from Khor Kalba.

Booted Warbler *Iduna caligata caligata*

Vagrant or very rare migrant, but status unclear. Booted/Sykes's Warbler *Iduna caligata/rama* only recently split; early records did not differentiate between these two species.

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida elaeica*

Common migrant, March–May and August–September, rarely winter; breeding resident Abu Dhabi Island.

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*

Common spring migrant, late February–early May with a peak in early April; uncommon July–early October, rarely to December.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 1 May 1986 (L Reaney).
2. One Safa Park 29 Aug 1989 (C Richardson).
3. One Sir Bani Yas 1 Sep 1989 (JAD Chapman, C Richardson).
4. One Zabeel Ponds 22 Feb 1990 (E List).
5. One Ruwais 23 Mar 1990 (JAD Chapman).
6. One Abu Dhabi; Bateen Wood 14 Apr 1991 (JAD Chapman).
7. One Jebel Ali Village 3 Sep 1993 (JK Bannon, C Richardson).
8. One Bateen Woods 13 Apr 1997 (SL James, AP Twyman).
9. One Jebel Ali Hotel 14 Apr 1997 (A Dally).
10. One Das Island 24–25 Apr 1998 (L Reaney).

11. One Emirates Golf Club 12 Apr 2001 (DA Diskin, C Richardson).
12. One Khalidiyah 9 May 2005 (NJ Moran).
13. One Sila'a Peninsula 8 May 2009 (OJ Campbell, G Talbot *et al*).
14. One Al Mamzar Park 4 Apr 2010 (AP Twyman).

Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*
Uncommon spring migrant, February–May, rarely July–September.

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*
Vagrant.
1. One trapped 29 Aug 1994 on Marawah Island (T Swaraczyk, J Lontkowski *et al*).
2. One caught by cat, released alive, Dubai; Al Sufouh in Dubai College 24 May 2000 (C Saunders).
3. One Khalidiyah 26 May 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, AP Twyman).
4. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 26 May 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
5. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 15 Sep 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
6. One Emirates Golf Club 16 May 2002 (C Richardson).
7. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 9 Oct 2003 (AP Twyman).
8. One found dead Khalidiyah 20 May 2004 (SJ Aspinall, N Williams).
9. Two Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 21 May 2004 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, C Clark).
10. One, perhaps two, Mushrif Palace Gardens 7–8 May 2005 (SL James, NJ Moran, AP Twyman).

Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*
Rare to uncommon migrant March–May, rare August–September; once late February.

Scrub Warbler *Scotocerca inquieta*
Fairly common breeding resident; only found in mountains and wadis.

Graceful Prinia *Prinia gracilis*
Very common breeding resident.

Graceful Prinia. © *Huw Roberts*

Arabian Babbler. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Barred Warbler. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Arabian Babbler *Turdoides squamiceps muscatensis*
Common breeding resident.

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
Fairly common, mid March–mid May and mid September–early November, rarely into December.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*
Uncommon migrant, April–May and September–October. Two November records.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*
Fairly common spring migrant in April and early May, rare August–November, but singletons recently recorded into January.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*
Fairly common to common migrant mid February–mid May and September–November. Rare in winter.

Desert Whitethroat *Sylvia minula*
Common winter visitor, late September–late April.

Hume's Whitethroat *Sylvia althaea*
Rare migrant and winter visitor, October–April; perhaps overlooked.

Eastern Orphean Warbler *Sylvia crassirostris*
Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, October–mid April. *S. c. jerdoni* confirmed; two trapped Ghantoot, Mar 2004 (S Votier *et al*).

Asian Desert Warbler *Sylvia nana*
Common winter visitor, September–early April.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*
Common migrant February–May and mid August–October, rare in winter.

Ménétriés's Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*
Common migrant and scarce winter visitor, late September–May.

Menetries's Warbler. © *Dave Clark*

Menetries's Warbler. © *Knut Hansen*

Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus* (Category C)
Locally common breeding resident; first records *c*1972.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* (Category C)
Very common; deliberately introduced in 1976, perhaps as early as 1972.

Pied Myna *Gracupica contra* (Category C)
Fairly common in Dubai area, occasional elsewhere; first recorded 1989 (Sharjah).

Brahminy Starling *Sturnia pagodarum* (Category C)
Uncommon with small breeding populations in Dubai and Sharjah since 1985 at least; rarely reported elsewhere.

Rose-coloured Starling *Pastor roseus*
Fairly common spring and autumn migrant, scarce in summer, uncommon in winter.

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
Fairly common winter visitor, November–February, occasionally other months.
A few pairs formerly bred in Ra's al-Khaimah (current status uncertain), with recent breeding suspected Dubai.

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cineracea*
Vagrant.
1. Two immatures Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 7 Nov 1998 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer).
- One adult male Zabeel Ponds 21 Jan 1992 (C Richardson), possibility of release not ruled out.
- One Zabeel Ponds 23 Jan–22 Mar 2000 (C Richardson), possibility of release not ruled out.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*
Vagrant.
1. One immature Khalidiyah 15 Aug 2000 (SJ Aspinall).

Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus amicorum*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 15–18 Nov 1986 (L Reaney).
2. One Emirates Golf Club 23 Jan 1989 (C Richardson).
3. One Asab Oilfield 18–19 and 26–27 Nov 1989 (L Reaney).
4. One Bu Hasa 29–30 Nov and 8–10 Dec 1990 (D Robinson).
5. One Emirates Golf Club 22 Nov 1994 (C Richardson).
6. One Das Island 11 Dec 1994 (L Reaney, M Wood).
7. One Dubai Pivot Fields 29 Dec 2000 (C Richardson *et al*).
8. One Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area 16 Nov 2001 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer).
9. One Ghantoot 3 Jan 2002 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer, SL James).
10. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 2–4 Jan 2003 (AP Twyman *et al*).
11. One Jebel Hafit 2–15 Jan 2003 (SL James *et al*).
11. One Ghantoot 6 Dec 2004 (SJ Aspinall, NJ Dymond).
12. One Wadi Bih 19 Nov and 27 Dec 2005 (C Richardson *et al*).
13. One Jebel Hafit 3 Jan–27 Feb 2006 (SJ Aspinall, W Moskoff *et al*).
14. One Liwa Oasis 14–16 Feb 2008 (M Bayman).
15. One Sila'a Peninsula 7 Nov 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell, G Talbot).
16. One Abu Dhabi; Lulu Island 20 Dec 2008–21 Feb 2009 (NJ Moran, M & M Hooper *et al*).

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*

Vagrant.

1. One Fujairah City 29 Oct 1970 (W Wyper).
2. One Dubai City 17 Dec 1970 (D Shepherd).
3. One Safa Park 26 Nov–6 Dec 1983 (JAD Chapman).
4. One freshly dead Dubai Dry Docks 11 May 1985 (JAD Chapman).
5. One Das Island 22–25 Jan 1988 (L Reaney, R Western).
6. One Das Island 1 Mar 1988 (E List).
7. One male Abu Dhabi; Bateen Wood 19 Mar 1988 (P Hellyer).
8. Two, male and female, Safa Park 8 Feb 1990 (JK Bannon).
9. One Das Island 14 Jan–22 Feb 1994 (L Reaney, M Wood).
10. One Das Island 7–9 Oct 1994 (L Reaney, M Wood).
11. One heard, not seen, Jebel Ali Hotel 5 Jan 1995 (F Heiser group).
12. One male Marawah Island 24 Mar 1995 (P Hellyer).
13. One Khor Khalid; Marbella Resort 30 Oct 1995 (S Howe).
14. One Das Island 14–16 Nov 1995; with two present 17 Nov 1995 (L Reaney, M Wood).
15. One Jebel Ali Hotel 8 Dec 1995 (SJ Aspinall).
16. One Das Island 21–23 Dec 1995 (M Wood).
17. One Bu Hasa 31 Dec 1998 (SJ Aspinall, GRD King).
18. One Emirates Golf Club 19–31 Jan 1999 (S Young, C Richardson).
19. One Mushrif National Park 24 Jan 1999 (L Sharpe).
20. One Das Island 7–16 Feb 1999 (L Reaney).
21. One Arzanah Island 1–2 Feb 2000 (SJ Aspinall).

22. One immature male Abu Dhabi Hotel Intercontinental 11 Dec 2001–4 Feb 2002 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
23. One Hamraniyah Fields 28 Feb 2003 (DA Diskin).

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

Vagrant.

1. One Asab Oilfield 3–4 Oct 1988 (D Rosair).

Black-throated Thrush *Turdus atrogularis*

Uncommon to rare winter visitor, November–mid March.

One possible hybrid Red-throated Thrush *T. ruficollis* x Black-throated Thrush *T. atrogularis* Jebel Hafit, January 2003 (SL James).

Dusky Thrush *Turdus eunomus*

Vagrant.

1. One Safa Park 12–24 Mar 1998; reportedly from November 1997 (R Aumüller, D Kratzner *et al*).
2. One Ghantoot Al Jazeera Resort 27 Feb–3 Mar 2005 (V Bunes *et al*).

Dusky Thrush, 2nd UAE record. © *Gunnar Gundersen*

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

Vagrant.

1. One Abu Dhabi Island 25 Nov 1965 (PAD Hollom).
2. One Dubai City 6 Nov 1975 (J Armitage).
3. Five Safa Park 18 Jan 1984 (JAD Chapman).
4. One Dubai; Jumeirah 26 Jan 1988 (S Newton).
5. One Mushrif Palace Gardens 26 Dec 1990 (R Quested *et al*).

Redwing *Turdus iliacus iliacus*

Vagrant.

1. One Safa Park 20 Nov 1988 (E List).
2. One Abu Dhabi Island 23 Dec 1988 (JM Hollingworth, L Graham).
3. One Safa Park 4 Jan 1989, increasing to three 21 Jan–8 Feb 1989 (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall).
4. One Abu Dhabi Island 13 Jan 1989 (D Robinson).
5. One Ain al-Fayda 25 Feb 1993 (C Pilcher).
6. One Mushrif Palace Garden 22–27 Jan 2007 with two birds present 14–24 Feb 2007 (SJ Aspinall, B Brieffies *et al*).
7. One Sila'a Peninsula 8 Jan 2010 (OJ Campbell, G Talbot *et al*).

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

Common migrant and winter visitor, October–March, with stragglers to April.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

Vagrant.

1. One Tawi Awir 11 Dec 1970 (B Etheridge, K Would, FE Warr).

2. One Dubai; Jumeirah 2 Jan 1971 (W Wyper).
3. One Sharjah City 4 Mar 1971 (J Castree).
4. One Tawi Bisat 26 Mar 1971 (Ex-Lapwing, per M Gallagher).
5. One Jebel Ashker 18 Nov 1979 (CM Saunders).
6. One Das Island 22–24 Nov 1985 (L Reaney).
7. One Safa Park late January 1990 (M Halonen per A Forsten).
8. Two Das Island 16 Nov 1990 (M Wood).
9. Up to two Das Island 30–31 Oct 1991 (M Wood)
10. One Safa Park 27 Jan 1992 (C Richardson).
11. One Jebel Ali Village 12 Feb 1999 (K McGregor).
12. One Emirates Golf Club 29 Nov 2002 (D Dack).
13. One Jebel Hafit 1 Jan–10 Feb 2003 (P Hellyer *et al*).
14. One Ghiyathi 14 Feb 2003 (SJ Aspinall).
15. One Ajman Kempinski Hotel 1–4 Mar 2006 (C Townsend *et al*).
16. One Al Mamzar Park 1 Mar 2007 (M Björklund).
17. One Emirates Palace 6–8 Nov 2008 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
18. One Jebel Hafit 21 Jan–12 Mar 2009 (D Clark, I Boustead, M & M Hooper *et al*).

European Robin *Erithacus rubecula*
Rare winter visitor; has oversummered.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

Red-spotted Bluethroat *L.* (*svecica*) *pallidogularis*
Common migrant and winter visitor.

Caucasian Bluethroat *L. svecica magna*
Uncommon to rare spring migrant.

White-spotted Bluethroat *L.* (*svecica*) *cyanecula*
Apparently rare spring visitor.
(Identification to race not possible other than of males in breeding plumage. Passage and wintering birds often indeterminate).

White-spotted Bluethroat. © *Huw Roberts*

Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*
Uncommon mid April–late May, one July record; uncommon to rare September–mid November.

Eastern Nightingale *Luscinia* (*megarhynchos*) *golzii*
Fairly common late March–mid May and late August–mid October. Occasional records mid summer and overwintering.

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*
Vagrant.
1. One Safa Park 7 Dec 2008–12 Mar 2009 (SP Lloyd *et al*).

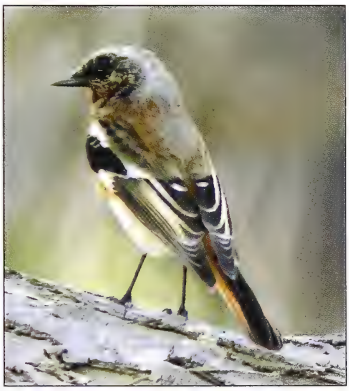
White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*
Fairly common spring migrant, late March–early May (variable numbers annually); rare mid August–mid October.

White-throated Robin. © *Mike Barth*

Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*
Locally common breeding visitor and fairly common migrant, March–September; reports in winter rare.

Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe melanoptera*
Vagrant.

1. One Emirates Golf Club 15–19 Apr 1992 (C Richardson).
2. One Mushrif National Park 2–3 Apr 2000 (J & L Watson, C Saunders, SJ Aspinall).
3. One Das Island 14–17 Apr 2001 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
4. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 1 May 2007 (OJ Campbell *et al*).
5. One Sila'a Peninsula 5–6 Apr 2009 (E Grönningsäter, BO Tveit, M Klann *et al*).


Eversmann's Redstart. © *Nick Moran*

Eversmann's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythronotus*
Former vagrant, now considered rare migrant/winter visitor, mainly November–February. Extreme dates: 7 November and 19 February, once March, twice April (offshore). Predominantly males recorded.

Eastern Black Redstart *Phoenicurus* (*ochruros*) *phoenicuroides*
Common migrant and winter visitor, October–April.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
Common Redstart *P. p. phoenicurus*
Common spring migrant, mainly April; uncommon in autumn.

Ehrenberg's Redstart *P. p. samamisicus*
Fairly common late February–April, usually preceding *phoenicurus*. Rare in autumn.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*
Uncommon migrant, March–May and September–October, rarely to late November.

European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*
No accepted records prior to 2006, but occurrence long suspected. Records since 2006 show this species to be a regular winter visitor in small numbers. The first proven record since re-separation from Siberian Stonechat was a male at Dubai Pivot Fields 20 Jan–24 Feb 2006 (T Pedersen *et al*).

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*
Common winter visitor, October–March, though decline noted in recent years.

Caspian Stonechat *S. maurus variegatus*
Vagrant (earlier records under review):

1. Two Hamraniyah Fields 17 Feb 2008 (NJ Moran, OJ Campbell).
2. One Wamm Farms 6 Mar 2008 (SJ Aspinall).
3. One Mirfa 27 Feb–8 Mar 2009 (SJ Aspinall, OJ Campbell).

Pied Stonechat, 13th UAE record. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Pied Stonechat *Saxicola caprata rossorum*
Vagrant.

1. One Emirates Golf Club 6 May 1994 (C Richardson).
2. One Emirates Golf Club 22–23 Mar 1996 (M Sipponen *et al*).
3. One female/immature Wamm Farms 22 Aug 1997 (C Richardson).
4. One male Emirates Golf Club 26 Mar 1999 (R O'Reilly).
5. One male Wamm Farms 30–31 Mar 1999 (C Saunders, R O'Reilly).
6. One male Al Ain Camel Racetrack 31 Mar 1999 (R O'Reilly).
7. One male Wamm Farms 3 Sep 1999 (C Richardson).
8. One male Wamm Farms 17 Nov 2000–31 Jan 2001 (DA Diskin, C Richardson, P Bourdin *et al*).
9. One male Wamm Farms 22 Sep 2003 (V Ashby *et al*).
10. One male Wamm Farms 28 Oct 2005 (NJ Moran, SL James).
11. One female/immature Wamm Farms 15 Sep 2006 (NJ Moran, SL James, OJ Campbell *et al*).
12. One male Wadi Ghalilah 23 Feb 2007 (G Saunders).
13. One first-winter male Wamm Farms 11–21 Sep 2009 (N Tovey, H Roberts *et al*).

Eastern Mourning Wheatear. © *Nick Moran*

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*
Very common migrant and winter visitor, recorded all months. Peak migration in March/April and August/September.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*
Fairly common to common migrant late February–early May, uncommon August–November; rarely other months.

Kurdistan Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthoprymna*
Vagrant.
1. One male Jebel Hafit 18 Dec 2003–1 Feb 2004 (DA Diskin, M Chalmers *et al*).

Red-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe chrysopygia*
Common winter visitor, early October–mid March, rarely other months.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*
Common migrant, February–April and August–November, rarely other months. The rarer white-throated morph *vittata* is recorded annually in small numbers.

Eastern Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe* (*hispanica*) *melanoleuca*
Uncommon migrant mid February–April, rare September–November, rarely other months.

Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*
Common migrant and winter visitor, September–early May, rarely other months.

Eastern Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens persica*
Rare migrant and winter visitor, mainly to western Abu Dhabi, late October–early March.

Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*
Vagrant.
1. One Abu Dhabi Island Mar 1984 (MC Crumbie).
2. One Jebel Ali Village 3 Feb 1985 (JAD Chapman).
3. One Asab Oilfield 24 Oct 1987 (D Robinson).
4. One Emirates Golf Club 21 Jan 1988 (J Oldfield).
5. One Abu Dhabi Island 1–2 Mar 1989 (JM Hollingworth).
6. One Umm al-Qaiwain Breakwater 3 Mar 1990 (A Forsten, T Numminen).
7. One Ras Gharain 23 Mar 1990 (E Hirschfeld).
8. One Khor al-Khan 2 Apr 1991 (D Evans).
9. One adult male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 14 Mar 1993 (SL James).
10. One adult male Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 16 Mar 1993 (SL James).
11. One Emirates Golf Club 18 Mar 1993 (C Richardson).
12. One male Abu Al Abyadh Island 25–26 Mar 1993 (WWT/SJ Aspinall)
13. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 28 Mar 1993 (JK Bannon).
14. One adult male Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 17 Mar 1994 (SL James).
15. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 25 Mar 1994 (JK Bannon, C Richardson, P Edwards).
16. One Jebel Faiyah 27 Feb 1995 (S Dill).
17. One Qarn Nazwa 7 Mar 1997 (C Richardson).
18. One adult male Dubai; Al Sufouh 26 Oct 1997 (A Dally).
19. One female Masafi Wadi 9 Mar 1998 (C Richardson, Limosa).
20. One adult male Abu Dhabi Health and Fitness Club 22–24 Mar 2006 (NJ Moran *et al*).

Variable Wheatear *Oenanthe* (*picata*) *picata*
Uncommon to fairly common winter visitor, early September–early March.

Hume's Wheatear. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Hooded Wheatear. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Hume's Wheatear *Oenanthe albonigra*
Common breeding resident; limited altitudinal descent in winter.

White-crowned Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga ernesti*
Vagrant.
1. One Das Island 11 Apr 1987 (L Reaney).
2. One Das Island 2–3 Feb 1994 (L Reaney, M Wood).
3. One Sila'a Peninsula 20 Feb 1996 (A Rollo).
4. One Das Island 26 Jan 1997 (L Reaney, M Wood).
5. One Das Island 7 Mar 1997 (L Reaney, M Wood).
6. One Das Island 3–15 Apr 1997 (L Reaney).
7. One Das Island 25–26 Jun 1997 (L Reaney, M Wood).
8. One Das Island 8–13 Apr 1998 (SJ Aspinall, M Wood, L Reaney).
9. One Qarn Nazwa 6–8 Feb 1999 (C Richardson).
10. One Das Island 9–13 Apr 1999 (L Reaney, M Wood).
11. One Das Island 5–7 Apr 2002 (L Reaney, M Wood).
12. One Das Island 9–10 Apr 2002 (L Reaney, M Wood).

Hooded Wheatear *Oenanthe monacha*
Scarce resident Jebel Hafit, rare elsewhere; also rare migrant.

Blackstart *Cercomela melanura*
Vagrant.
1. One Khalidiyah, Abu Dhabi 14 Apr 1997 (M Dryden, JM Allan).

Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*
Common spring migrant February–May; uncommon to rare August–October.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*
Common migrant and winter visitor September–April, rare other months.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
Common migrant late March–June and late August–October, rare other months.

Eurasian Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca tomensis*
Vagrant.
1. One male Safa Park 8 Apr 1986 (JAD Chapman).
2. One male Mushrif Palace Gardens 14 May 2003 (SJ Aspinall, SL James, AP Twyman *et al*).
3. One first-winter Khalidiyah 22–23 Sep 2007 (NJ Moran, SL James *et al*).

Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*
Uncommon spring migrant mid March–late April. Rare September–October.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, August–April.

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*
Vagrant.
1. One Khalidyah 24 Nov–11 Dec 2003 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
2. One Abu Dhabi; Spinneys/Hilton area 22 Dec 2005–24 Mar 2006 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelaena*
Vagrant.
1. One in non-breeding plumage Jebel Ashker 17–30 Nov 1980 (CM Saunders).
2. One adult male Masafi Wadi 11 Feb 1999 (M Rantala, K Eischer).

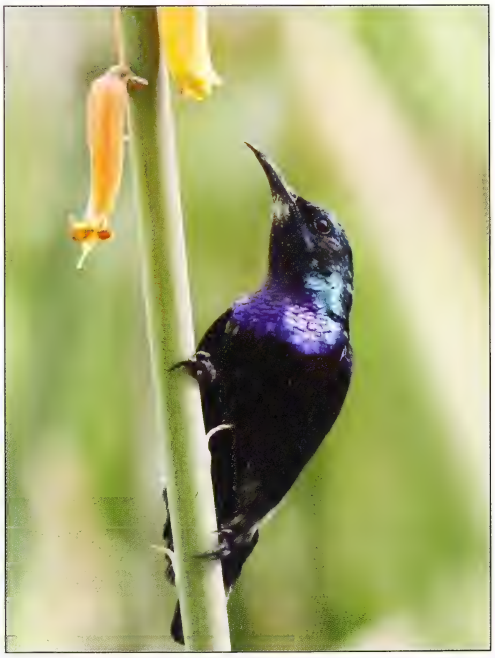
Semi-collared Flycatcher. © *Ahmed Al Ali*

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus brevirostris*
Common breeding resident; nomadic in summer.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
More than one subspecies occurs. Indian House Sparrow *Passer* (*domesticus*) *indicus* is an abundant resident, with range expanding.

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*
Uncommon breeding resident Hamraniyah area and Wamm Farms; rare winter visitor elsewhere.

Dead Sea Sparrow *Passer moabiticus moabiticus*
Vagrant.
1. Up to four (3 males, 1 female) Das Island 21 Jan–21 Mar 1992, one remaining to 3 Apr (L Reaney, M Wood).
2. Male in song Marawah Island 21–22 Mar 1993 (SJ Aspinall).


Purple Sunbird. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Pale Rockfinches. © *Huw Roberts*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Vagrant.

1. One Safa Park 7 Mar 1984 (JAD Chapman).
2. One Safa Park 9 Nov 1984 (JAD Chapman).
3. One Das Island 8 and 23 Sep 1986 (L Reaney), presumed to involve same bird.

Pale Rockfinch *Carpospiza brachydactyla*

Fairly common spring migrant, sometimes in large flocks, late February–May, and localised breeding visitor. Irregular September–October, rare winter.

Yellow-throated Sparrow. © *Huw Roberts*

Yellow-throated Sparrow *Gymnoris xanthocollis transfuga*

Common breeding summer visitor, scarce on passage March/April and September/October; rarely to December.

Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni* (Category C)

Uncommon with colonies in Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi cities; first recorded 1993 at least.

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar* (Category C)

Uncommon Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi wetland sites; nesting since late 1980s.

Indian Silverbill *Lonchura malabarica*

Very common resident; popular cagebird, often released.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* (Category C)
Uncommon Dubai and Abu Dhabi; nesting since 1993.

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*
Rare migrant and winter visitor, almost annual on Abu Dhabi Island, vagrant elsewhere. Recorded mid September–April. First record for UAE and Arabia was Bateen Wood, November 1987 (D Robinson).

Records away from Abu Dhabi Island:

1. One Bu Hasa 27 Nov 1989 (D Robinson).
2. One Shah Oilfield 6 Dec 1989 (D Robinson).
3. One Emirates Golf Club 10–21 Oct 1994 (C Richardson, SJ Aspinall).
4. One Marawah Island 15–16 Oct 1994 (SJ Aspinall).
5. One Mushrif National Park 5 Mar 1996 (M Sipponen, V Salo).
6. One Safa Park 30 Oct 2000 (P Bourdin, C Richardson).
7. Two Safa Park 26 Oct–24 Nov 2007 with three 27 Oct (E & P Van Audenhove *et al*).
8. One Safa Park 21–23 Oct 2009 (SP Lloyd *et al*).

Forest Wagtail, 8th UAE record away from Abu Dhabi Island. © *Mike Barth*

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*
Very common migrant and fairly common winter visitor, though racial identification in winter often uncertain.

Sykes's Wagtail *M. (flava) beema*
Very common migrant and winter visitor.

Grey-headed Wagtail *M. (flava) thunbergi*
Common migrant, February–mid May and late August–October, some may winter.

Black-headed Wagtail *M. (flava) feldegg*
Common migrant and fairly common winter visitor.

Eastern Black-headed Wagtail *M. (flava) melanogrisea*
Uncommon migrant. Sometimes included under *feldegg*.

Yellow-headed Wagtail *M. (flava) lutea*
Uncommon on migration March/April and October/November.

White-headed Wagtail *M. (flava) leucocephala*
Reported, but possible hybrids between *beema* and *lutea* not conclusively ruled out.

Yellow Wagtail, form *M. flava 'superciliaris'*
Identified on migration. Considered an intergrade between *feldegg* and *flava* or *beema*.

Yellow Wagtail, form *M. flava 'dombrowskii'*
Identified on migration. Considered an intergrade between *feldegg* and *flava* or *beema*.

Masked Wagtail. © *Tommy Pedersen*

Yellow Wagtail, form *M. flava 'xanthophrys'*
Identified on migration. Considered an intergrade between *feldegg* and *lutea*.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*
Common migrant and winter visitor, mid August–April, rare other months.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea cinerea*
Fairly common migrant and winter visitor, late August–April, rarely May.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

White Wagtail *M.* (*alba*) *alba*
Very common migrant and winter visitor, mid September–April.

Masked Wagtail *M.* (*alba*) *personata*
Uncommon migrant and winter visitor, 2 September–13 March; regular through winter only at Wamm Farms; but with onward (through) passage noted elsewhere in early October.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*
Fairly common to common migrant and winter visitor, mid September–mid April, occasionally to early May.

Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*
Uncommon to locally fairly common migrant and winter visitor, late September–mid April.
First record: up to three Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 12 Oct–6 Nov 1993 (SL James *et al*).

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*
Very common migrant and winter visitor mid September–late April, uncommon May–August.

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*
Uncommon to fairly common dispersive resident and rare migrant visitor.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*
Uncommon to fairly common winter visitor late October–late March, rarely April.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*
Common migrant and rare winter visitor.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
Rare to uncommon migrant and winter visitor, late September–early May.
All records refer to *A. h. yunnanensis*, except two records of birds showing characters of nominate *A. h. hodgsoni*:
1. One Ruwais 11 Jan 2008 (SJ Aspinall, OJ Campbell, NJ Moran).
2. One Safa Park 22 Oct 2009 (R Khan *et al*).

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*
Common to very common migrant and winter visitor, mid September–early May.

Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus* (*rubescens*) *japonicus*
Vagrant (perhaps rare winter visitor).
1. One Ruwais 26–27 Dec 1996 (SJ Aspinall).
2. One Sheraton Golf Club; Umm al Nar 22 Jan 1997 (SL James).
3. One Wamm Farms 29 Dec 1997 (M Ullman).
4. One Rams Rubbish Tip 18 Mar 1999 (C Richardson, Limosa).
5. One Dubai Pivot Fields 13–24 Jan 2002 (C Richardson, D.Bradford).
6. One Dubai Pivot Fields 13–27 Dec 2002 (DA Diskin *et al*).
7. One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) 26 Dec 2002 (DA Diskin).
8. Up to six Dubai Pivot Fields 7 Feb–20 Mar 2003 (DA Diskin *et al*).
9. One Abu Dhabi Health and Fitness Club 25 Feb–5 Mar 2003 (SL James, SJ Aspinall *et al*).
10. Up to four Dubai Pivot Fields 2 Dec 2003–8 Mar 2004 (M Chalmers, DA Diskin *et al*).
11. Up to two Dubai Pivot Fields 24 Dec 2004–8 Mar 2005 (DA Diskin *et al*).
12. Up to two Dubai Pivot Fields 9–12 Mar 2006 (NJ Moran, N Tovey, T Pedersen).
13. Up to two Dubai Pivot Fields 23 Dec 2006–27 Jan 2007 (T Pedersen *et al*).
14. One Dubai Pivot Fields 9–21 Mar 2007 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
15. Up to three Dubai Pivot Fields 3 Nov 2007–23 Mar 2008 (SL James, S Dodgson *et al*).
16. One Dubai Pivot Fields 14 Nov 2008 with three birds 29 Nov 2008 (N Tovey).
17. One Sila'a Peninsula 9 Jan 2009 (NJ Moran).
18. One Dubai Pivot Fields 12 Feb 2010 (OJ Campbell).

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*
Common migrant and winter visitor late October–early April.

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 9 Jan–16 Feb 1987 (L Reaney).
2. One Das Island 22 Mar 1987 (L Reaney).
3. One Das Island 27 Nov–1 Dec 1991 (I Shearman *et al*).
4. One Das Island 3–20 Dec 1991 (I Shearman, L Reaney *et al*).
5. One Das Island 30 Jan–9 Feb 1992 (L Reaney) and 17–20 Feb 1992 (I Shearman *et al*).

Records assessed by observers as constituting different individuals.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*

Vagrant.

1. One Abu Dhabi Island 9–24 Nov 1977 (DM Corfield, MA Hollingworth).
2. One Masafi Wadi 13 Oct 1979 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
3. Up to three, Das Island 22–24 Nov 1985 (L Reaney).
4. One Das Island 16 Nov 1986, with three on 4 Dec 1986 (L Reaney).
5. Two Dubai Water Treatment Plant 29 Jan–28 Feb 1987 (C Richardson).
6. One Bu Hasa 29 Jan 1989 (D Robinson).
7. Up to two, Asab Oilfield 26–28 Nov 1989 (L Reaney).
8. Flock of 25 Wadi al-Reum 7 Dec 1990 (D Robinson).
9. One Das Island 21 Nov 1991 (M Wood, L Reaney).
10. Two Das Island 20 Dec 1991 (L Reaney, I Shearman).
11. Two Das Island 20 Jan 1992 (L Reaney).
12. One Das Island 11 Nov 1993, increasing to five 23 Nov, one remaining to 12 Dec 1993 (L Reaney).
13. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 19 Nov 1993 (R Quested).
14. One Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club 28 Nov 1993 (SL James).
15. One male Jebel Ali Hotel 16 Sep 1994 (SJ Aspinall).
16. One Abu Dhabi Eastern Lagoon 8–14 Nov 1994 (C Pohl).
17. One Hamraniyah Fields 16 Nov 1995 (C Richardson, M Beaman, Birdquest).
18. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 1 Dec 1995 (SL James).
19. One Das Island 14–16 Jan 1996 (M Wood, L Reaney).
20. One Das Island 4–7 Dec 1996 (M Wood, L Reaney).
21. One male Jebel Hafit 31 Dec 2006–5 Jan 2007 (SL James *et al*).
22. One Al Wathba Lake 11 Jan 2008 (N Tovey, C Temple *et al*), again 1–8 Mar 2008 (A Jones *et al*).

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Rare and irregular winter visitor with sporadic influxes (last 2004/5).

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Vagrant.

1. Two Abu Dhabi Island 16 Jan 1987 (JM Hollingworth).
2. One Wamm Farms 13 Feb 1995 (SJ Aspinall, C Richardson).
3. One Das Island 26–27 Apr 1998 (L Reaney, M Wood).

The following records are presumed to relate to escaped birds.

- One male Mushrif Palace Gardens 24 Oct 2001–17 Apr 2003 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Trumpeter Finch. © *Tommy Pedersen*

- One immature male Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area 8 Nov 2003–17 Mar 2004 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).
- One Abu Dhabi; Third Crossing 6 Feb 2005 (C Clark).

Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*

Vagrant.

1. Two males, one female Abu Dhabi Island 23–25 Nov 1977 (DM Corfield, MA & JM Hollingworth).
2. Three near Masafi 13 Feb 1984 (JAD Chapman).
3. One Das Island 21 Nov 1987 (L Reaney).
4. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 15–24 Apr 2005 (C Clark *et al*).

Trumpeter Finch *Rhodopechys githaginea crassirostris*

Uncommon winter visitor and rare migrant, perhaps rare breeding resident.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Rare to uncommon migrant; has occurred all months.

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

Uncommon to fairly common migrant and winter visitor, late October–early March. May breed.

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella erythrogenys*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 17 Mar 1987 (L Reaney).

Striolated Bunting. © *Huw Roberts*

Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos leucocephalos*
Vagrant.
1. One Das Island 8–9 Dec 1994 (L Reaney, M Wood).

White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti*
Vagrant.
1. Two Emirates Golf Club 5–6 Nov 1992 (JK Bannon, C Richardson).

Eastern Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza (cineracea) semenowi*
Rare to uncommon spring migrant late March–mid May. No autumn records.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*
Fairly common spring migrant mid March–mid May, uncommon September–early November.

Striolated Bunting *Emberiza striolata*
Fairly common breeding resident, dispersing from mountains to adjacent plains in winter. Vagrant western Abu Dhabi.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*
Vagrant.
1. One Das Island 28 Oct 1986 (L Reaney).
2. One Das Island 22–27 Oct 1987 with up to three 1–7 Nov (L Reaney).
3. One Sir Bani Yas 26 Nov 1989 (JAD Chapman).
4. One Das Island 15 Jun 1992 (L Reaney).

5. One Jebel Ali Hotel 25 Oct 1993 (M Kapanen, A Topp).
6. One Das Island 7–26 Nov 1993 (L Reaney, M Wood).
7. Two Das Island 20–27 Oct 1994 (L Reaney).
8. One Hamraniyah Fields 4–13 Mar 1995 (N Ullrich *et al*).
9. One Das Island 21 Nov 1995 (L Reaney).
10. One Das Island 6–22 Oct 1996 (L Reaney, M Wood).
11. One Das Island 16 Oct 1998 (SJ Aspinall).
12. One Wamm Farms 13–16 Jan 1999 (A Dally, C Richardson, C Saunders).
13. Two Das Island 21 Jan 1999 (L Reaney, M Wood).
14. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 12–13 Oct 2000 (SJ Aspinall, AP Twyman, P Hellyer, SL James).
15. One Asab Oilfield 18 Nov 2001 (SJ Aspinall, P Hellyer).
16. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 7–21 Dec 2001 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).

Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica rustica*

Vagrant.

1. One Das Island 9–15 Dec 1985 (L Reaney).
2. One Qarnein Island 22 Feb 1989 (I Foxall).
3. One Asab Oilfield 6 Dec 1990 (L Reaney).
4. One adult male Das Island 27 Oct 1992 (L Reaney).
5. One Das Island 21 Nov 1995 (L Reaney, M Wood).
6. One Das Island 6–15 Oct 1996 (L Reaney, M Wood).
7. One Emirates Golf Club 22 Nov 1996 (SJ Aspinall).
8. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 24 Nov 2004 (T Pedersen, OB Hansen).

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola aureola*

Vagrant.

1. One Jebel Ashker 27 Dec 1980 (CM Saunders).
2. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 3 Dec 1998 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).
3. One adult female Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 6–27 Oct 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).
4. One first-winter male Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 15–23 Nov 2001 (DA Diskin *et al*).

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*

Uncommon migrant April/May and late July–mid September. Also frequent escape.

Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*

Vagrant.

1. One Asab Oilfield 14 Apr 1991 (L Reaney).
2. One Abu al-Abyadh Island 18–20 Apr 1995 (SJ Aspinall).
3. One Das Island 31 Jul 1996, with Black-headed Buntings (L Reaney).
4. One first-winter male Hamraniyah Fields 23–30 Mar 2002 (Anon/T Pedersen *et al*).

The following records are presumed to relate to escaped birds.

- One male Safa Park 8–9 Jun 2003 was re-found in Al Mamzar Park 13 Sep 2003 (DA Diskin).
- One male Abu Dhabi; Al Diar Gulf Hotel 24 Mar 2004 and Abu Dhabi; Third Crossing 3 Apr (SJ Aspinall, SL James *et al*).

Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Vagrant.

1. Two Abu Dhabi Island 30 Nov 1978 (MA Hollingworth, RO King).
2. One Dubai City 23 Mar 1980 (G Ramadan-Jaradi).
3. One ringed Safa Park mid February 1982 (GA Miles).
4. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 19 Nov 1993 (SL James).
5. One roadside Umm al-Qaiwain Breakwater 20 Mar 1997 (M Vakkiala).
6. One Dhayah reedbed 26 Nov 1998 (SJ Aspinall).
7. Two Ain al Faida reedbeds 4 Feb 2000 (SJ Aspinall, R Schmitt, Natur-Studienreisen).
8. One Al Wathba Camel Racetrack 12 Dec 2000 (SJ Aspinall, SL James).

Undocumented pre-Emirates Bird Records Committee sightings under review (not included in the Checklist total)

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*

- One near Dhaid 28 Oct 1977.

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*

- One Sir Abu Nuair Island 18 Apr 1985.

Pied Stonechat *Saxicola caprata*, 13th UAE record. © *Huw Roberts*

CATEGORY D SPECIES

Cinereous (Black) Vulture *Aegypius monachus*

A subadult reportedly caught by local people near a farm in the Ra's al-Khaimah mountains, 20 Feb1995. Although brought to Dubai Zoo on 26 Feb1995, a release attempt failed and the bird subsequently died in captivity.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Single bird recorded in Dubai 12 Apr and 21 Oct 1986–30 Jan 1987, with two present 20–25 Dec 1986 (J Platt *et al*).

White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa*

One near Nad al-Sheba 8–9 Dec 1997 (SJ Aspinall *et al*).

Another, perhaps same bird, Emirates Golf Club, 22 Sep 1998–30 Apr 2002 (CM Saunders *et al*).

Little Bustard *Tetrax tetrax*

One Mushrif Palace Gardens 17 Dec 1996 (A Abdi *et al*).

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

One at Abu Dhabi Third Crossing 25 Oct 2003–7 Feb 2004 (C Clark *et al*).

Black-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles orientalis*

A flock of six birds (three males, three females) on Abu al-Abyadh Island 9 Feb 1992 (RP Morris).

One heard flying over Al Ain Camel Racetrack 3 Mar 1997 (SJ Aspinall).

Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* in private Dubai residence's collection (unringed and probably free flying), March 2010. © *Tommy Pedersen*

CATEGORY E SPECIES

Category E—species that have been recorded as introductions or escapees from captivity, with breeding populations, if any, that are thought not to be self sustaining. Category E species are not included in the UAE list. A full list of Category E species recorded in the UAE is found at www.uaebirding.com. Selected species, particularly those which have bred or are deemed likely to breed are listed below.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*
Feral birds possibly breeding in semi-captivity; several locations.

Arabian Partridge *Alectoris melanocephala*
Reported Sir Bani Yas Island 28 Jul 1989, not found May 1991.
Releases also recorded Green Mubazzarah autumn 2007–spring 2009.

See-see Partridge *Ammoperdix griseogularis*
Feral populations on Sir Bani Yas Island since 1989, common 1991 to present.

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus*
Sir Bani Yas Island, released early 1980s, also breeding Abu al-Abyadh Island 1991–98; releases on Balghelam Island did not survive.

Yellow-necked Spurfowl *Francolinus leucoscepus*
Probably bred successfully on Abu al-Abyadh Island in 1990s.

Common Pheasant *Phasanius colchicus*
Probably breeds on Abu al-Abyadh Island. Recorded Sir Bani Yas Island, Bateen Wood, Al Wathba and Al Ain Camel Racetracks and Ghantoot.

Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*
Breeds successfully in a number of gardens and hotel grounds.

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus*
Recorded Jebel Ali Hotel, where apparently breeds with Indian Peafowl, producing hybrids.

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*
One Das Island 19 Nov 1991 and 29 May 1992 (L Reaney).
One Al Warsan Lakes (Wimpey Pits) and Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 27 Jan 2002–4 Nov 2005 (T Pedersen *et al*).
One Qarn al-Aysh 26 Jan 2009 (ENHG.).

Black-necked Swan *Cygnus melanocorypha*
Six Sir Bani Yas 28 Jul 1989 and 31 Aug–2 Sep 1989.
Three Abu Dhabi Eastern Lagoon 27 Jan–13 Feb 2009 (A & I Cunninghan, NJ Moran, R Hornby).

Hawaiian Goose *Branta sandvicensis*
Four Zabeel Ponds 1 Jun 1989 to year end.
Two Zabeel Ponds on eggs in April 1991 (per K Hyland).

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

Four Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 9 Jan 1999 (C Richardson).

One Zabeel Ponds/Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 11 Jul–27 Nov 1999 (C Richardson).

Regularly reported Ra's al-Khor Wildlife Sanctuary 2004–2010.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

One Neima Pools 30 Nov 2007, joined by another in Ain al-Fayda 30 Jan 2008, escaped from nearby Al Ain Zoo (H Roberts *et al*).

Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

Breeding known from Sir Bani Yas Island, Dubai and Al Ain.

Six introduced Sir Bani Yas in 1980s, one remaining to 2 Sep 1989 (JNB Brown).

Seven Ain al-Fayda 5 Apr 1993 with 70 birds Al Ain Zoo from 1993 at least, several free-flying, with 32 birds Ain al-Fayda 22 Mar 1997. Now regular in area.

One Khor Kalba 14–15 Apr 1998 (CM Saunders).

Also now regularly recorded in Dubai, but only sporadically noted in Abu Dhabi.

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*

Free-flying on Sir Bani Yas, where breeding reported 1993 (juvenile observed 30 Sep–1 Oct 1993); none now present at this site.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

A free-flying pair nested at Al Ain Zoo 1993–95 and had possibly done so previously, occasionally straying to Ain al-Faydah wetlands.

A resident bird on Zirku Island from 2007 or before to at least 15 Sep 2009, presumed escape (per R Hornby).

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*

A feral population on Sir Bani Yas Island bred successfully in 1994.

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis canicollis*

One Balghelam Island 2–15 Feb 1996, last survivor of four originally released two years previously.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*

One Abu Dhabi Island 15 Apr 1988 (JAD Chapman, D Robinson).

A caged individual on Sir Bani Yas in late 1980s and early 1990s said to have been trapped on Dalma, but provenance considered mistaken.

African Swamphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis*

All records probably result from releases (see also under Purple Swamphen in main list).

Pin-tailed Sandgrouse *Pterocles alchata*

Recorded Abu Dhabi, Das Island and Dubai. Normally 2–4 birds seen, max count 400 birds Bab al-Shams desert 30 Nov 2007. Has now apparently bred in wild in Dubai (per SJ Aspinall).

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

Up to two Dubai City 2005–2010, one Al Wathba Lake 22 Jun 2005.

Ringed Turtle Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea 'risoria'*
A domestic variant of African Collared Dove, often called Barbary Dove.
A feral population on Sir Bani Yas in the mid1990s may no longer be present.
Recorded Safa Park, 21 Feb 2006 and subsequently, but no evidence of breeding.

Diamond Dove *Geopelia cuneata*
Often sold in pet markets; sometimes noted free-flying in urban centres.

Budgerigar *Melopsittacus undulatus*
Recorded Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Al Mamzar Park and Wamm Farms.

Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*
Scarce resident in Dubai since 1996, also recorded Jebel Ali. Not to be confused with escaped Blossom-headed Parakeets in Abu Dhabi. No breeding recorded.

Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseata*
Escapees recorded regularly in Abu Dhabi, rare Safa Park in Dubai.

Nanday Parakeet *Nandayus nenday*
Escapees recorded in Dubai, 2007–2010.

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*
Two birds in a nest-like structure in Safa Park, Dubai 27 Oct 2005–7 Feb 2006.
Also recorded elsewhere in Dubai and in the Abu Dhabi area.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchus*
Recorded Abu Dhabi city 24 May 1998 to year-end at least (RJ Hornby *et al*), presumed escaped.

Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*
Several present on Sir Bani Yas island in the early 1990s, with two 7 Feb 2008 (SJ Aspinall); not reported since.

Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus*
Released birds failed to become established. Recorded Abu Dhabi in late 1980s, with one on 8 Mar 2004.

Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*
Recorded Abu Dhabi, Dubai area, Lahbab Fields, Ra's al-Khaimah; currently confirmed breeding Sharjah University City.

Rueppell's Weaver *Ploceus galbula*
One Abu Dhabi Third Crossing, May 2004 and Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area September 2006.

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*
Over 100 birds released *c*1984 and bred in Sharjah (Al Jazirah Park in Khor Khalid). Also recorded Zabeel Ponds.

Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*
One Khalidiyah, 11–17 Oct 2008, one Al Mamzar Park spring 2009 nest-building.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*
Recorded nesting in Abu Dhabi near Hotel Intercontinental in 2005 and 2006. Also recorded Dubai Pivot Fields 2006.

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*
One Ra's al-Khaimah Airport 26 Mar 1995, one Jebel Ali Hotel, November 1996, two Khalidiyah 12 May 2006 and one 17 Aug 2008.

Bengal Weaver *Ploceus benghalensis*
Recorded Dubai Pivot Fields 2006 to 2009, nest-building observed 2007.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*
Recorded Ruwais 12–13 Oct 1995. One male Dubai Pivot Fields 23 Aug 2006 and up to six in July 2007 and July 2009.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
Two pairs Hamraniyah Fields 15 Dec 1995, recorded Dubai Pivot Fields 2006–2009 and Abu Dhabi Island 2010.

Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*
Birds of the nominate subspecies recorded Dubai Pivot Fields 2005–2009, also recorded Al Wasit Nature Reserve 2006–2009 and Abu Dhabi Island 2005.

Black-winged Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*
Recorded Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club.

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*
Recorded Abu Dhabi, Dubai area, Ramtha Rubbish Tip and Ruwais.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*
Three Dubai; Jumeirah 17 Jan 2007 (T Pedersen).

Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava*
Reported nesting Sharjah City 1988, recorded Ramtha Rubbish Tip and Zabeel until 1997.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*
Recorded Safa Park, Zabeel, Emirates Golf Club, Dubai Creek Park, Bateen Woods.

Java Sparrow *Padda oryzivora*
Sporadic records Abu Dhabi Island and Dubai City 1977–2010.

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*
Previously breeding in several locations in Jumeirah suburbs, Dubai. Also recorded Abu Dhabi.

Appendix 1. Current EBRC description species.

Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*
Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*
Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii*
Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*
Cotton Pygmy Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*
Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*
Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina*
Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus* (report required July–March inclusive)
Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*
Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*
Leach's Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor*
Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*
Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*
Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*
Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*
Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*
Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*
Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*
Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*
European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus*
Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*
Lappet-faced Vulture *Aegyptius tracheliotus*
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus cyaneus* (females and immatures only)
Shikra *Accipiter badius* (report not required from the Dubai area)
Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*
Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*
Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*
Little Crake *Porzana parva*
Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*
Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo*

Common Crane *Grus grus*
Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*
Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*
Eurasian Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*
Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*
Great Snipe *Gallinago media*
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*
Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*
Grey Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicaria*
Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*
Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*
Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*
White-eyed Gull *Larus leucopthalmus*
Common Gull *Larus canus*
Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*
Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*
Little Gull *Larus minutus*
Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*
Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*
Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*
Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus* (report not required from East Coast)
Lesser Noddy *Anous tenuirostris*
Brown/ South Polar Skua *Stercorarius antarcticus/maccormicki*
Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*
Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus*
Stock Dove *Columba oenas*
Common Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*
Red Turtle Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
Pied Cuckoo *Oxylophus jacobinus*
Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
Sykes's Nightjar *Caprimulgus mahrattensis*
Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*
Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*
White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Bay-backed Shrike *Lanius vittatus*
Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*
Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Northern Raven *Corvus corax*
Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*
Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*
Streak-throated Swallow *Petrochelidon fluvicola*
Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra*
Dunn's Lark *Eremalauda dunni*
Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha*
Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*
River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*
Moustached Warbler *Acrocephalus melanopogon*
Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*
Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata*
Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*
Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*
Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*
Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*
Hume's Warbler *Sylvia althaea*
Wattled Starling *Creatophora cineracea*
Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*
Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*
Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*
Dusky Thrush *Turdus eunomus*
Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*
Redwing *Turdus iliacus*
Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*
White-spotted Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica cyanecula*
Caucasian Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica magna*
Caspian Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica lurestanica*
Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*
Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe*
Eversmann's Redstart *Phoenicurus erythronota* (report required for females only)
European Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus rubicola*
Caspian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus variegatus*
Pied Stonechat *Saxicola caprata*
Kurdistan Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthoprymna*

Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii*
White-crowned Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga*
Blackstart *Cercomela melanura*
Eurasian Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*
Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*
Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelaena*
Dead Sea Sparrow *Passer moabiticus*
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
White-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava leucocephala*
Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens japonicus*
Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*
European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*
Common Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*
Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*
Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos*
White-capped Bunting *Emberiza stewarti*
Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*
Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica*
Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*
Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps*
Common Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Twitching the Wilson's Phalarope at Al Wathba Lake, January 2010. © *Maja Pesic Pedersen*

Appendix 2. Gazetteer of sites.

Abu al-Abyadh Island	24.178261°N 53.803834°E
Abu al-Bukhoosh Oilfield	25.483072°N 53.133504°E
Abu Dhabi–Al Ain Road	24.171878°N 55.067238°E
Abu Dhabi–Al Ain Truck Road	24.150484°N 55.061970°E
Abu Dhabi–Dubai Road	24.726948°N 54.814119°E
Abu Dhabi–Mirfa Road	24.057518°N 54.006922°E
Abu Dhabi Corniche	24.473493°N 54.340563°E
Abu Dhabi Golf and Equestrian Club	24.443069°N 54.378881°E
Abu Dhabi City Golf Club (see above)	
Abu Dhabi Health and Fitness Club	24.443352°N 54.384524°E
Abu Dhabi Hilton Hotel	24.462476°N 54.326390°E
Abu Dhabi Hotel Intercontinental	24.458507°N 54.328557°E
Abu Dhabi International Airport	24.432224°N 54.650342°E
Abu Dhabi Island	24.457841°N 54.382355°E
Abu Dhabi Meridien Hotel	24.499065°N 54.381575°E
Abu Dhabi Port; Mina Zayed	24.525236°N 54.387298°E
Abu Dhabi; 19th Street	24.440128°N 54.383703°E
Abu Dhabi; ADCO Compound	24.474111°N 54.344962°E
Abu Dhabi; Al Diar Gulf Hotel	24.411728°N 54.486065°E
Abu Dhabi; Al Ghaf Wood	24.435652°N 54.409580°E
Abu Dhabi; Al Ghazal Golf Club	24.416160°N 54.643953°E
Abu Dhabi; Bateen Airbase	24.429859°N 54.456070°E
Abu Dhabi; Bateen Airbase Park	24.427767°N 54.442692°E
Abu Dhabi; Bateen Village	24.453354°N 54.331717°E
Abu Dhabi; Bateen Wood	24.451709°N 54.373121°E
Abu Dhabi; British School Al Khubairat	24.448263°N 54.387122°E
Abu Dhabi; Coconut Island	24.455449°N 54.322956°E
Abu Dhabi; Eastern Lagoon	24.448316°N 54.417120°E
Abu Dhabi; Hilton/Spinneys area	24.463307°N 54.329310°E
Abu Dhabi; Lulu Island	24.500852°N 54.344761°E
Abu Dhabi; Marina Mall Breakwater	24.484565°N 54.316719°E
Abu Dhabi; Officers' Club	24.400346°N 54.474421°E
Abu Dhabi; Reem Island	24.492989°N 54.408412°E
Abu Dhabi; Saadiyat Island	24.533266°N 54.441743°E
Abu Dhabi; The Club	24.513461°N 54.389757°E
Abu Dhabi; Third Crossing	24.422718°N 54.482695°E
Abu Dhabi; Western Lagoon	24.422072°N 54.406547°E
Ain al-Fayda	24.091984°N 55.714337°E
Ain al-Ghamour	24.959482°N 56.315991°E
Ajban	24.621922°N 54.821106°E
Ajman Kempinski Hotel	25.423394°N 55.442519°E
Ajman Water Treatment Plant	25.428598°N 55.553893°E
Al Aim, Dibba	25.428607°N 56.067227°E

Al Ain–Al Qua'a Road	23.822218°N 55.527666°E
Al Ain Airport	24.262774°N 55.619616°E
Al Ain Camel Racetrack	24.154717°N 55.600901°E
Al Ain City	24.224331°N 55.744681°E
Al Ain Golf Club	24.197817°N 55.845053°E
Al Ain Hotel Intercontinental	24.207710°N 55.806171°E
Al Ain Oasis	24.217406°N 55.766822°E
Al Ain Water Treatment Plant	24.078771°N 55.670793°E
Al Ain Zoo	24.179233°N 55.739529°E
Al Ain; Al Jimi Oasis	24.255823°N 55.746099°E
Al Ankah	24.141825°N 55.324214°E
Al Aqqah	25.507673°N 56.363788°E
Al Awir	25.172219°N 55.550809°E
Al Awir Recharge Ponds	25.199193°N 55.549738°E
Al Bahia	24.577764°N 54.633904°E
Al Dhahira	24.024817°N 55.625121°E
Al Faqa	24.706935°N 55.624945°E
Al Ghail	25.367786°N 55.956128°E
Al Ghar lake (see Al Wathba Lake)	
Al Ghurfa Breakwater	25.115768°N 56.367269°E
Al Hamra	24.053013°N 52.446456°E
Al Hayer	24.585853°N 55.740410°E
Al Jais	25.900000°N 56.136389°E
Al Jazirah Khor	25.723957°N 55.855553°E
Al Jeer	26.033290°N 56.101383°E
Al Lisaili	24.933758°N 55.474954°E
Al Mamzar Park	25.321772°N 55.349933°E
Al Maqam Fodder Field	24.172443°N 55.619317°E
Al Markhaniya	24.211520°N 55.662107°E
Al Owais Dam	25.511134°N 56.299260°E
Al Qua'a	23.449006°N 55.426407°E
Al Qua'a–Umm az Zumul Road	23.129684°N 55.234057°E
Al Qua'a Fodder Field	23.497988°N 55.461374°E
Al Quoz Stables (Godolphin)	25.174912°N 55.262751°E
Al Qusais Park	25.265835°N 55.403915°E
Al Rafa'a	25.612466°N 55.678329°E
Al Raha Beach	24.448318°N 54.595034°E
Al Ruwayyah	25.084480°N 55.404502°E
Al Sha'am	26.049166°N 56.086116°E
Al Warsan Lakes (previously Wimpey Pits)	25.158250°N 55.417030°E
Al Warsan Water Treatment Plant	25.159705°N 55.431125°E
Al Wathba Camel Racetrack	24.237020°N 54.653290°E
Al Wathba Lake (previously Al Ghar Lake)	24.254379°N 54.607528°E
Al Wathba Prison Pools	24.231944°N 54.634446°E

Al Wigan	23.640319°N 55.563708°E
Arzanah Island	24.791788°N 52.560616°E
Asab Oilfield	23.300240°N 54.220694°E
Ash Shuayb	24.775812°N 55.812839°E
Askaria Pool or Nagda Lake	24.251916°N 54.742980°E
Bab al-Shams desert	24.790492°N 55.182906°E
Bab Oilfield	23.845909°N 53.642040°E
Bahrani Island	24.382937°N 54.228848°E
Balghelam Island	24.567915°N 54.540234°E
Baynunah desert	23.677202°N 52.650952°E
Bida al-Mutawa	23.784872°N 52.570458°E
Bida Bin Amar desert	24.482586°N 55.691153°E
Bida Bin Saud	24.397285°N 55.655363°E
Bida Thalab	23.817638°N 53.277171°E
Bidiya	25.428612°N 56.369008°E
Bin Butti Lake	24.485154°N 54.664882°E
Bin Majid Resort	25.668444°N 55.759479°E
Bu Al Siaief Marine Protected Area	24.342059°N 54.331057°E
Bu Hasa	23.540964°N 53.297424°E
CCC Marsh	25.167093°N 55.428150°E
Dabb'iya Peninsula	24.294145°N 54.129971°E
Dalma Island	24.508820°N 52.308487°E
Das Island	25.153351°N 52.874610°E
Daynah	25.047781°N 56.010561°E
Desert Palm Polo Club	25.167759°N 55.444471°E
Dhafra Airbase	24.237979°N 54.551465°E
Dhaid	25.284444°N 55.879726°E
Dhaid–Madam Road	25.152777°N 55.894447°E
Dhaid–Masafi Road	25.301953°N 56.045831°E
Dhayah	25.899980°N 56.045021°E
Dibba	25.597123°N 56.278219°E
Dibba Cement Farms	25.577623°N 56.233884°E
Dibba Park	25.592614°N 56.267617°E
Dibba Rubbish Tip	25.550647°N 56.248957°E
Digdagga Fields	25.654118°N 55.991620°E
Dreamland	25.592042°N 55.662383°E
Dubai–Al Ain Road	24.855045°N 55.563441°E
Dubai–Hatta Road	24.955676°N 55.713974°E
Dubai Airport	25.250831°N 55.371639°E
Dubai City	25.271479°N 55.302357°E
Dubai Country Club	25.178586°N 55.325566°E
Dubai Creek	25.266307°N 55.298472°E
Dubai Creek Golf Course	25.243539°N 55.335774°E
Dubai Creek Park	25.238240°N 55.326775°E

Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve	24.823242°N 55.662180°E
Dubai Dry Docks	25.249515°N 55.267616°E
Dubai Marina	25.078056°N 55.139165°E
Dubai Media City	25.092550°N 55.152641°E
Dubai Men's College	25.109229°N 55.392759°E
Dubai Pivot Fields	25.169707°N 55.432797°E
Dubai-land	25.108205°N 55.300155°E
Dubai Water Treatment Plant	25.193391°N 55.303821°E
Dubai; Al Barsha	25.101565°N 55.203104°E
Dubai; Al Barsha Pond Park	25.101944°N 55.202848°E
Dubai; Al Sufouh	25.109543°N 55.171826°E
Dubai; Arabian Ranches	25.055433°N 55.271458°E
Dubai; International Media Production Zone	25.031766°N 55.190060°E
Dubai; Jumeirah	25.218564°N 55.253167°E
Dubai; Jumeirah Beach Park	25.197530°N 55.235809°E
Dubai; Jumeirah Islands	25.057612°N 55.155443°E
Dubai; Millennium Airport Hotel	25.248090°N 55.343130°E
Dubai; Mirdif	25.224572°N 55.423203°E
Dubai; Port Rashid	25.258433°N 55.257429°E
Dubai; Silicon Oasis	25.113651°N 55.381842°E
Dubai; The Greens	25.093456°N 55.171556°E
Dubai; The Lakes	25.077742°N 55.172421°E
Dubai; The Meadows	25.070929°N 55.153541°E
Dubai; The Springs	25.058605°N 55.178663°E
Dubai; The World	25.222063°N 55.165220°E
Dubai; Umm Suqeim	25.154680°N 55.215938°E
Dulaimah Wildlife Sanctuary	25.272350°N 55.808601°E
Emirates Golf Club (EGC)	25.086263°N 55.163731°E
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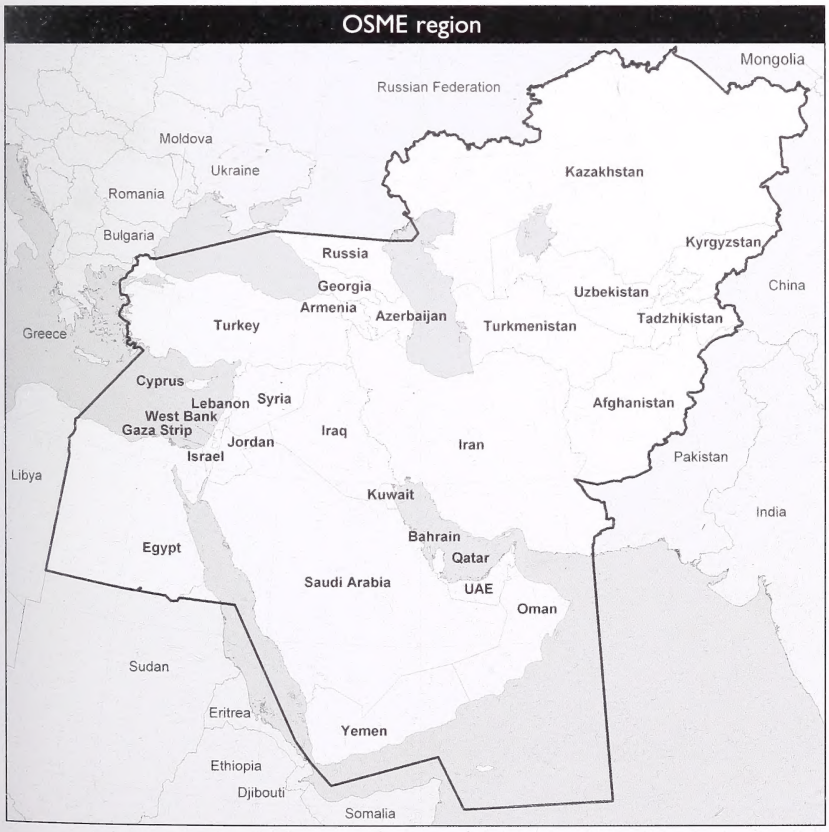

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